

Los Angeles City College
Comprehensive Program Review 2008

Dental Technology Department

XI. Dean's Review and Recommendations

I. Department Mission

Does the department's mission statement reflect the goals and activities of the department? Is it aligned with the college mission? Explain.

Dental Tech's mission statement aligns with the college mission for vocational training and to limited, specialized transfer programs. However, the statement is quite wordy and needs to be streamlined.

II. Department Overview

Does the department's analysis of trends in enrollment and achievement accurately reflect the data? Have any issues been identified? Explain.

The department should be commended for its detailed and thorough analysis. A comprehensive assessment of enrollment numbers indicates relative stability over the past six years.

III. Vocational Programs

Does the department's analysis of labor market demand, advisory board activities and accreditation status (if applicable) reflect the data? Have any issues been identified and are they adequately addressed with appropriate action plans? Explain.

The department's analysis of labor market demand is exceptional. The department has a strong and active advisory committee that makes viable recommendations for new course offerings.

IV. Curriculum

Does the department's analysis of enrollment trends accurately reflect the data? Has adequate progress been made in developing and assessing student learning outcomes at the course and program level? Are Title 5 course outline updates current? Has adequate analysis of course scheduling been provided? Explain.

The department is to be commended for maintaining Title V updates of all on campus courses. However, no program assessments have been conducted. UCLA courses do not have identified SLOs.

V. Departmental Engagement

Has the department provided a full description of departmental engagement? Explain.

The department indicates interdepartmental collaboration with the Learning Skills department on campus to provide student support services. The department is also fully engaged with UCLA and industry groups. The department is actively involved on numerous campus committees.

VI. Professional Development

Has the department provided a full description of professional development? Explain.

Two of the fulltime faculty members are fully engaged in professional development activities. One fulltime member has no such involvement. This lack of involvement is a continuing problem with this individual and must be resolved.

VII. Support and Activities

Has the department provided a full description of support needs of the department? Explain.

Since the department moved to swing space in the old Workforce bungalows they have not been provided with adequate custodial support.

Secretarial support is deemed to be ineffective and there is a need for an instructional assistant.

The library resources are insufficient to support the program.

It is recommended that the department work with the Library Department Chair to resolve this issue.

VIII. Resources: Personnel, Equipment and Facilities

Has the department provided a full description of resource needs of the department? Explain.

Personnel: The department needs more qualified full time and part time faculty to teach the classes. An Instructional Assistant is needed to help in the labs.

Equipment: The current equipment is 30 years old and needs to be updated to maintain industry standards.

Facilities: The Franklin Hall renovation will adequately meet the needs of the department. The current swing space is smaller than needed, however, prior issues of venting toxic gases have been rectified in this space.

IX. Planning and Budget

Do the planning goals and action plans reflect the issues raised in the self study? Are they aligned with the Educational Master Plan and the College Strategic Plan? Explain.

The department provided an accurate assessment.

VTEA and SIEF funds are diminishing. Without them, the department will not be able to keep up with the continuous changes in technology, let alone replace its aging equipment. Other fundraising avenues such as grant writing should be explored.

X. Final Summary by Discipline

Are all items identified as a Major Concern addressed with a goal and action plan? Explain.

The department concerns are addressed with appropriate goals and action plans.

XI. Department Strengths and Weaknesses

Has the department provided an adequate analysis of departmental strengths and weaknesses? Explain.

Strengths:

- .on campus and community collaborations;
- .student retention efforts;
- .high student success rate;
- .strong advisory committee;

Weaknesses:

- .outdated equipment;
- .insufficient instructional materials and lack of basic supplies;
- .lack of qualified faculty to share the teaching load;
- .inadequate support staff;

XII. Recommendations/Commendations

What recommendations based on your comments do you have for this department? What commendations do you have for this department? Explain.

The department is to be commended for:

- .certification and accreditation continuity;
- .on campus and community collaborations;
- .student retention efforts;
- .exceptional student success rates.

Recommendations:

- .work with the Library Department Chair to provide adequate department reference materials;
- .conduct a program assessment by spring 2009;
- .identify SLOs for the UCLA program