

Los Angeles City College  
Comprehensive Program Review 2008

Social Science Department

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**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.*

The statement below is aligned with the College Mission. The 2008 Goals are also aligned with the College Education and Strategic goals. (Increase enrollment and transfer; staff development; increasing student success; providing alternate modes of delivering instruction.) In writing the outcomes, rather than describe the measures (tallying); specific expected results should be listed. See additional comments in Section IX.

The Social Science department's primary mission is to facilitate the development of an informed citizenry by fostering skills in critical analysis and interdisciplinary dialogue engaged in understanding and comprehending globalization and its discontents. In this way we may better prepared for students for the global challenges that lie ahead, while stimulating richer lives and educational experience to university level and beyond.

**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's analysis of trends in enrollment is consistent with data. The department suggests that campus-wide recruitment may be used to stabilize enrollment. The department also points out the increase in online courses as a means to increase enrollment. I concur with these efforts and also support the department's innovative use of alternative scheduling 8-day classes that attract four year college students in summer, winter and spring break.

**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.*

This Department is NOT a Vocational department.

**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.*

Analysis is consistent with Data; SLOs are current; Title 5 course outlines need to be completed (25 are complete; 13 need updating). The department is participating in assessment pilot program; Program SLO have not been completed.

## V. Departmental Engagement

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

The department members have taken leadership roles both within the department and campus wide.

## VI. Professional Development

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

The department members are actively involved in professional development and have provided an extensive description of activities.

## VII. Support and Activities

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

Additional support is needed to provide the faculty with resources needed to implement technology in classroom as well as distance education. Support needs should include on line training, equipment, and software. Other support should include personnel for paired classes and supplemental instruction.

## VIII. Resources: Personnel, Equipment and Facilities

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

The department has expressed a need to increase online delivery of courses; resources that would assist in updating course delivery should be described. Additional information that would provide a more complete description would include personnel, software, equipment, and training.

## 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 lists three goals: 1)increase enrollment, 2)faculty enhancement; 3)faculty replacement. Goal 1 and Goal 2 do align with the Ed Master Plan and the College Strategic Plan. The concerns raised in the self-study (more research needed to improve student success, need for an online Liberal Arts AA degree, need to implement SLO assessment.)have not been completely addressed in the goals and action plans.

Action plans should be expanded to address Goal 1 (increase enrollment)in addition to adding more sections of popular classes, i.e. marketing, outreach, online courses, establishing on line degree.

The activity for Goal 2 (faculty enhancement) is to monitor and assess conference attendance and the implementation of information gathered at the conferences. The department may also want to include faculty development and delivery of new courses working independently or with other faculty.

Goal 3 is to compare the number of full time faculty to part time faculty. I suggest the goal might be to improve student success in specific ways that require additional faculty.

## X. Final Summary by Discipline

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

In general the concerns described throughout the study and listed as goals are well thought out and provide a necessary direction for improvement. Goals and action plans may be better aligned using suggestions from IX.

## XI. Department Strengths and Weaknesses

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

The departments strengths in terms of overall growth and weaknesses have been described in general throughout the self study.

## **XII. Recommendations/Commendations**

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

### **Commendations:**

The department members play a vital role in faculty leadership. Strong enrollment and large class size significantly contribute to reaching college enrollment targets. The department members are creative and energetic and continuously work to improve course delivery and student success.

### **Recommendations:**

**Curriculum.** Complete Title V updates; increase assessment of SLOs; Begin program SLOs. Establish Goals and Action Plan to increase online course offerings, including online AA Degree.

**Resources.** Develop goals and action items that include additional personnel, equipment, and software that lead to improved student success.