CRITERION 12: ACCREDITATION

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) accreditation process provides assurance to the public that the accredited member institutions meet Accreditation Standards of quality, and that the education earned at the institution is of value to the student who earned it. Institutions agree to undergo an educational quality and institutional effectiveness review for reaffirmation of accreditation to determine whether they continue to meet the established Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, including the federal requirements, and Commission policies, and that they are engaged in sustainable efforts to improve educational quality and institutional effectiveness.

It is important for the board to be knowledgeable of accreditation requirements and to be able to weave them through its decisions into the institution's mission, strategic plans, and policies.

| | | Yes | No | Don't know/ Can't judge |
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| 1. | Does the board act as a collective entity; once decisions are made, all board members act in support of the decision? | o | o | o |
| 2. | Does the board advocate for and defend the college and protects it from undue influence or political pressure? | o | o | o |
| 3. | Within the past three years, has the board assessed its policies and bylaws for their effectiveness? | o | o | o |
| 4. | Do all members participate in self evaluation of the board's practices and performance? | | | |
| 5. | Is information provided on Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, Commission policies, accreditation processes, and the college's accreditation status adequate? | O | O | O |
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| 6. | Do board members participate in evaluation of board roles and functions in the accreditation process? | o | 0 | o |

SUMMARY

| In relation to this criterion, the board's <i>overall performance</i> has been: | | | | | | | | | |
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| o Excellent/Very good | o Good | o Barely adequate | o Poor | o Don't know/Can't judge | | | | | |
| Further comments or suggestions related to this criterion: | | | | | | | | | |