Colleagues,

Today, Pima Community College (PCC) reached a milestone as it seeks reaffirmation of accreditation with publication, on the Pima Addresses Probation webpage, of a draft of our Institutional Self-Study Report.

As you undoubtedly know, when the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the College’s accrediting organization, placed PCC on probation in April, 2013, it directed us to conduct an Institutional Self-Study, a top-to-bottom self-examination of College processes, policies and goals for continuous improvement. While on probation, the College has remained fully accredited.

For months, more than 300 employees, students and community members have been conducting an evidence-based inquiry into 125 areas of PCC operations. The Self-Study Report is the document describing the findings of the Self-Study.

The College has been working under an abbreviated timeline given to us by the Higher Learning Commission. In a regular self-study process, a college may spend as many as three years preparing for and writing a Self-Study Report. It is important to note that this first comprehensive draft does not reflect the extensive revisions that will be occurring simultaneously with public review. To be more specific, sections are rough and work will continue until the final version is submitted at the end of July.

Employees, students and community members can read the draft Self-Study Report on the Pima Addresses Probation webpage and comment anonymously through June 1st.

The College must submit the final Self-Study Report to the HLC by July 31. From September, 15-17, a team from the HLC will visit the College to evaluate whether PCC has addressed the HLC’s concerns and meets its Criteria for Accreditation.

I am looking forward to sharing the findings of the Self-Study Report with the HLC and to the visit by the HLC evaluation team, when we can demonstrate the progress the College has made as it seeks to regain the fullest confidence of the our accreditor and the public, thus, reaffirming our accreditation.

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