

MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

Strategic Planning Council

Glossary of Key Terms and Acronyms



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Key Terms

1. Accreditation. The review of the quality of higher education institutions and programs by an association comprised of institutional representatives. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredits California's community colleges.
2. Ad Hoc Committee. A working group or sub-group created by a council or operational committee to address and make recommendations on a particular subject. The members need not be from a council or committee.
3. Advisory Committee. A group created to provide direction and/or input in compliance with state and federal regulations or other external mandates. Not part of the governance structure but may bring items to SPC as information only. Membership may be defined by state and federal regulations or external mandates and may be appointed by the appropriate constituent group(s).
4. Assessment. Outcomes assessment is any systematic inquiry whose goal is to improve the planning process. Assessment is a key component of Strategic Planning. Assessment helps ensure that our activities remain aligned with our goals, and helps validate our efforts to provide effective service to the college community in support of our mission.
5. Basic Skills. Courses in reading, writing, computation, and English as a Second Language that prepare students for college-level work. Also called remedial or developmental courses.
6. Council. A group of constituency representatives designated or selected to act in an advisory capacity that meets on a regular basis. The charge of a council entails college-wide issues and reports directly to the Strategic Planning Council (SPC).
7. Developmental Education. Courses and programs that are below college level, designed to prepare students for college level work. Also called basic skills or remedial education.
8. Disabled Students Programs and Services. A state-funded categorical program that provides funds for the additional costs related to supporting students with disabilities in

community colleges.

Distance Education/Distance Learning. Classes and other educational services offered via television, the Internet, or other technological means of teaching at a distance.

9. Evaluate: Form an idea of the amount, number, or value of; assess.
10. General Education. A required pattern of courses covering a breadth of subjects thought to be useful for all college students regardless of major.
11. Goal. Goals are observable, measureable end results having one or more object to be achieved within a defined fixed timeframe.
12. Governance Handbook. A comprehensive governance and administrative document defining governance; representation; responsibility of representatives; recommendation process; organizational and administrative charts; and the role, products, reporting relationship, meeting schedule, and membership of each Palomar College Council and Committee.
13. Measurement. Setting goals and achieving them involves change. Measurement is an attempt to quantify the change that is occurring as we strive to achieve a goal. The value in quantifying whatever we are trying to achieve is that the measurements can provide useful information to help monitor the progress/change in order to make adjustments in one's efforts. Measurements can also provide information to document goal accomplishments. Measurements always answer the question "How much?"
14. Outcome: An Outcome is a specific, vital, positive organizational or environmental change that moves the program forward to its desired future. The Outcome must be based on identified issues and they must provide the basis for developing strategies to achieve the outcome. The Outcome indicates the direction of change desired (increase, decrease, maintain).
15. Revise: Reread work done previously to improve one's knowledge of a subject.
16. Review: A formal assessment or examination of something with the possibility or intention of instituting change if necessary.
17. Strategic Planning. Strategic Planning is related to the identification of long-term or overall aims, goals and interests and the means to achieve them. The plan is carefully designed and planned to serve current and future interests of the college.
18. Strategic Planning Council (SPC). The Strategic Planning Council, representing all constituent groups of Moreno Valley College, in the development of the strategic plan, and governance policies, and communicates with the respective groups. The strategic planning process guides budget priorities. Recommendations made by the Strategic Planning Council will reflect the values and support the mission of the College and be in the best

interest of improving student success and serving the community.

19. Student Equity Committee. Reporting to the Vice President of Student Services the Student Equity Committee prepares and makes recommendations concerning the Student Equity Plan, monitors the District's progress toward meeting its student equity goals, and keeps the District's Student Equity Plan up to date.

20. Subcommittee. A permanent sub group convened by a standing committee or council designated to consider specific subjects in detail for recommendations back to the standing committee or council. The chair must be a member of the committee or council to which it reports. Other members need not be members of the committee to which it reports but may be appointed by the appropriate constituent group(s) as defined by the subcommittee membership.

21. Task Force. A constituency-represented group specifically convened by and reporting to SPC or to the President to address a special college-wide subject/issue and meets until the subject/issue is resolved.

22. Timeline: A linear representation of important events in the order in which they will or have occurred. It is a schedule of important dates leading to the completion of a set goal.

23. Workgroup: A group of people who work together on a particular piece of work. This group of people are assigned a specific task to accomplish within a given time period.

Acronyms

1. *ACCJC* - Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
2. *ASMVC* - Associated Students of Moreno Valley College
3. *CTA* - California Teachers Association
4. *CSEA* - California School Employees Association
5. *FY* - Fiscal Year
6. *GE* - General Education
7. *HSI* - Hispanic Serving Institution
8. *ISP* - Integrated Strategic Planning, Evaluation and Resource Allocation Decision Making Model
9. *IT* - Information Technology
10. *SB* - Senate Bill
11. *SPC* - Strategic Planning Council
12. *SSPC* - Student Services Planning Council
13. *VPAA* - Vice President of Academic Affairs
14. *VPBS* - Vice President of Business Services
15. *VPSS* - Vice President of Student Services