

Del Mar College's

Self-Study 2000:

14, February 29, 2000

A newsletter devoted to the successful reaffirmation of Del Mar's accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December of 2000.

From the Self-Study Director:

One of the greatest pleasures I've had in the last three years was the sight of the SACS Reaffirmation Committee, happily squeezed with their luggage into a pair of rental vans, heading for the airport! Their departure, on Thursday, February 17, meant that Del Mar College had completed another important step in the process of securing reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Committee's exit report, presented orally that morning in Wolfe Recital Hall, concurred with the College's own assessment of its compliance with SACS standards, published in *Del Mar*

College Self-Study 2000 Report. By my count, Del Mar received thirty-seven recommendations, all but two of which the College's own *Report* had already identified. The Committee's commendation of our professional development program came as a wonderful, completely unexpected, surprise.

John Crisp (the Self-Study Editor) and I whole-heartedly agree with President Dicianna's thanks to all of the College employees who contributed so much to the self-study, to the plan for resolving the deficiencies, and to the SACS Committee's visit last month. A great number of Del Mar people have helped us get to this point:

The nine members of the Steering Committee, who have guided the development of the self-study since the fall semester of 1997.

The chairs and members of the twelve principal committees, most of whom began their work in the summer of 1998, whose research and analysis make up the heart of the *Report*.

The staff of the Office of Administrative Services, who contributed hundreds of hours of

Countdown:

The Reaffirmation Visiting Committee from SACS will arrive on Del Mar's campus in:

3,636 days
Are you ready?

effort toward completion of the self-study survey, its statistical analysis, and the faculty roster.

Finally, the people in the following offices were especially hard working in taking care of local arrangements--and cheerful about it:

- President and Vice-President of Instruction and Student Development
- The Writing Center
- Purchasing
- Information Technology Services
- Learning Resources
- Aramark
- The Lighthouse and the Holiday Inn-Emerald Beach
- Ms. Kim Hammer



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Number of Recommendations received by Del Mar College during its reaffirmation visit: **37**

Number of Commendations: **1**

Number of members of the Del Mar community who made up the Steering Committee and the thirteen principal committees: **124**

Number of self-study Steering Committee meetings since November 18, 1997: **61**

Number of issues of the self-study newsletter: **14**

Number of future issues of the self-study newsletter: **0**

Number of days before Del Mar's response to the visiting committee's report is due: **138**

Number of members on the reaffirmation visiting committee, including an observer: **15**

Number of interviews scheduled for the visiting committee members: **270**

Number of trips to the airport required to pick up and deliver all fifteen members: **19**

Number of flights delayed by mechanical problems: **5**

Number of lost bags: **3**

Number of miles of local transportation provided for visiting committee members: **637**

Approximate cost, per box, of sending institutional documents to each member: **\$40**

Numbers of days visiting committee members spent on Del Mar's campus: **2**

Ratio of new outfits purchased by Del Mar's visit coordinator to number of days spent on campus by the visiting committee: **3 to 2**

Number of seafood stuffed mushrooms served at the banquet welcoming the reaffirmation committee to Corpus Christi: **9 dozen**

Cost of Self-Study Director's lunch at El Altono in celebration of the visiting team's departure, including dessert: **\$3.24**

To review the self-study calendar, meeting minutes, and other links, please see the self-study webpages. Link through Del Mar's homepage, www.delmar.edu; then look under Instructional Programs or Administrative Resources.

In addition, the complete texts of the *Self-Study Report* and the *Addendum* are now online in PDF format.