

## Northwest Commission on College and University (NWCCU) Annual Update for WSQA Academic Year 2011, 2012 Due October 15, 2012

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Accreditation recommendations to the College and year of recommendation	Actions taken by the college to address recommendations	Improvement results
FALL 2011: The Evaluation Team recommends that Clark College continue to review and revise its indicators and corresponding desired outcomes to ensure that they are meaningful, assessable, and verifiable, and allow for the evaluation of the accomplishment of objectives and Core Themes. (Standard 1.B.2)	During the 2011-2012 academic year, the Planning and Accreditation Committee revised the current scorecard used to measure the progress toward fully implementing the <i>Clark College 2009-2014 Strategic Plan</i> . The scorecard was changed significantly as a consequence of the new accreditation standards, feedback from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to the Standard One self-study report, increase in the measurements available, and demand for accountability measures.	By January 2013, the College will have a new scorecard to evaluate the progress toward accomplishing the objectives of the <i>Clark College 2009-2014 Strategic Plan</i> . The Scorecard will be used to identify areas in need of improvement. This will ensure mission fulfillment.

The revised draft scorecard looks very	
different than the current scorecard. These	
changes are listed below:	
• Indicators now measure each college	
objective rather than each core theme,	
• Less indirect indicators are used, such as	
satisfaction and other perception-related	
measurements,	
• Red, yellow, and green color coding has	
been added to visually display the score	
of the indicator,	
• Trend information has been added to the	
scorecard, and	
• Each core theme now has its own	
scorecard.	
At this time, the draft scorecard is in	
final stages of revision. The quantitative criteria	
(for most) of the indicators have been selected	
to determine whether an indicator has met or	
exceeded the desired outcome. For most	
indicators, the data has been calculated and is	
presented.	
The current draft scorecard shows	
green, yellow, or red next to most indicators.	
Listed below are the definitions and general	
criteria on why they were scored this way:	
• Green: Meets or exceeds desired	
outcome; continuous effort needed to	
maintain or improve even further. The	
Planning and Accreditation Committee	
has determined the criteria for scoring	
a measure as green for most indicators.	

• Y	fellow: Does not meet desired outcome;	
	action is needed to meet goal. The	
	Planning and Accreditation Committee	
	has not selected the criteria for yellow	
	for the current scorecard. However,	
	you will see that some indicators are	
	yellow because these indicators were	
	the same or similar to indicators on the	
	current scorecard and were scored as	
	yellow on the current scorecard.	
• R	ed: Does not meet, well below desired	
	outcome and immediate action is	
	needed. The Planning and	
	Accreditation Committee has not	
	selected the criteria for red for the	
	current scorecard. However, you will	
	see that some indicators are red	
	because these indicators were the same	
	or similar to indicators on the current	
	scorecard and were scored as red on	
	the current scorecard. In addition, a	
	few indicators are so far below the	
	green criteria, I scored them as red for	
	illustrative purposes.	
	The Planning and Accreditation	
Commit	tee and the college community still have	
work to	do to finalize the current scorecard.	
Listed b	elow are the next steps:	
	1. Identify the quantitative criteria	
	to differentiate from a yellow	
	score to a red score for each	
	indicator;	
	2. Provide and receive feedback	
	from the college community to	

increases the dualt accuracy.	
improve the draft scorecard;	
3. Revise the scorecard report	
with explanation for each	
indicator including a narrative	
describing the indicator, the	
scoring criteria and reasoning,	
and actual trend information if	
available; and	
4. Present and get final feedback	
from the Board of Trustees,	
ensuring that the new scorecard	
is valued as a useful evaluative	
document.	
The timeline for completing this	
scorecard is January 2013. This will enable the	
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college to use it to determine the 2013-2014	
institutional goals or priorities.	