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Accreditation recommendations to the College and year of recommendation	Actions taken by the college to address recommendations	Improvement results
<p>Following an April 2008 comprehensive visit, Edmonds Community College (EdCC) received the following recommendations from the commission on July 24, 2008:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The committee recommends that the college a) more fully integrate its evaluation and planning processes to identify institutional priorities for improvement, and b) more clearly use the results of its systematic evaluation activities and ongoing planning processes to influence resource allocation and to improve its instructional programs, institutional services, and activities.(Standard 1.B.4, 1.B.5) 	<p>Edmonds Community College received seven recommendations, of which three (recommendations 4, 5 and 6) did not meet the criteria for accreditation. A progress report was requested by October 17, 2008.</p> <p>A progress report dated October 10, 2008 was submitted to the Commission. This report summarized the actions taken by Edmonds Community College to address these three recommendations (4, 5, and 6).</p> <p><u>Recommendation 4:</u> The College produced a three year projection of major categories of income and expenditures in order to fulfill this requirement. A copy of the projection was submitted to the Commission. For planning purposes operating budget surpluses or deficits were not projected.</p>	<p>EdCC was informed on February 17, 2009 that the October 10, 2008 report was accepted. According to the Commission's letter,</p> <p>"The Commission was satisfied that progress had been made regarding Recommendations 4, 5, and 6 of the Spring 2008 Comprehensive Evaluation Report. This matter was the subject of Commission correspondence dated July 24, 2008. The Commission determined that</p>

<p>2. The committee recommends that the college more clearly identify and make more readily available to its constituents, expected learning outcomes in all educational programs and degrees. (Policy 2.2; Standard 2.B.2, 2.B.3)</p> <p>3. The committee recommends that the college provide evidence that it regularly and systematically evaluates student achievement of all program-level learning outcomes and uses those results to improve instruction. (Policy 2.2; Standard 2.B.2, 2.B.3)</p> <p>4. The committee recommends that the college develop a three year financial planning model for major sources of income and expenses. (Standard 7.A.2)</p> <p>5. The committee recommends that the college develop a policy, adopted by its Board of Trustees, which identifies the uses and limits of debt. (Standard 7.A.4)</p> <p>6. The committee recommends that the college develop a policy, adopted by its Board of Trustees, which identifies cash management and investment procedures. (Standard 7.C.4)</p> <p>7. The committee recommends that the college provide regular and systematic evaluation of part-time faculty. (Standard 4.A.5 and Policy 4.1)</p>	<p><u>Recommendation 5:</u> The Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 08-9-1, Dept Management Policies at its September 11, 2008.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 6:</u> The Edmonds Community College Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 08-9-2, Cash Management Policies at its September 11, 2008.</p> <p>The remaining four recommendations (1, 2, 3, and 7) will be addressed in Commission-requested October 2009 report, which will be followed by a visit by a Commission evaluator.</p> <p>It is important to note that recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 7 had already been identified by the college as areas in need of attention before the visit by the external evaluators in April 2008. In fact, the college's 2008 self study was so comprehensive and thorough that the majority of a Title III grant addressing the recommendations was written before the April 2008 external evaluation. This grant proposal was submitted in May 2008, just a few days after the evaluation visit, and it was awarded to Edmonds Community College in July 2008. In addition, through the biannual negotiations process, recommendation 7 was being discussed and acted on before the self study was completed.</p>	<p>Recommendations 4, 5, and 6 of the Spring 2008 Comprehensive Evaluation Report now substantially meet the Commission's criteria for accreditation."</p> <p>The February 17, 2009 letter from the Commission further indicated that the remaining four recommendations (1, 2, 3 and 7) were found to be, "substantially in compliance with Commission criteria, but in need of improvement."</p> <p>The next letter from the Commission is expected in February 2010. This letter will address the October 2009 report and visit.</p>
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