Modesto Junior College Recommendation Five

Visiting team finding fall 2011: In order to fully meet the standard, the team recommends the college strengthen and clarify the linkages and complete the cycle within the planning and budget process to ensure institutional effectiveness; engage in consistent systematic evaluation of the process; and codify, publish and adhere to the process. In addition, the college must integrate student learning outcome assessment results into the planning and budget process and strengthen the integration of technology planning with integrated planning and resource allocations. (Standards I.B.4, I.B.5, I.B.6, I.B.7, II.A, II.B, III.C.2, III.D.1)

Visiting team finding fall 2012: The college has recently created a resource allocation process that integrates learning outcomes assessment data into the program review process; however, the entire process still needs to be written and shared with the campus community, and it needs to show the linkages between assessment, program review, and the different college councils (ACCJC letter Feb. 11, 2013)

MJC has codified, published, and adheres to its process for budget development and resource allocation. The process incorporates student learning outcomes assessment to inform spending and is reviewed annually to ensure effectiveness of institutional process. Modesto Junior College meets the standards for integrated planning and budget process.

A new governance structure with expanded participatory councils was implemented fall 2012, evaluated spring 2013, and revised fall 2013 to enhance the decision-making process at Modesto Junior College [5.01, 5.02]. The new governance structure evolved through the revision and adoption of the MJC participatory decision making handbook, Engaging All Voices, and in consultation with the Academic Senate [5.03, 5.04] (also discussed in response to recommendation 6). The new decision-making structure provides a framework for flow of inputs and recommendation pathways leading to transparent decision-making grounded in accountability and communication.

Budget Development and Resource Allocation

Resource Allocation Council (RAC) is the shared governance group charged with making recommendations to College Council (CC) regarding the college’s processes for institutional budget development including:

- development and implementation of a process by which unit program reviews and the college strategic goals are linked to resource allocations;
- prioritization of expenditures based on the process described above.
5.01: Engaging All Voices, Revised 8.26.13

5.02: Summary of Evaluation at Resource Allocation Council, 4.19.13