



MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE ■ ACCREDITATION STEERING COMMITTEE ■ MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2025

10:30A-12:00P – ZOOM

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	☐ CATHY STUTE (GUEST)	☐	☐		☒ ANTHONY MESTAS, RECORDER

	TOPIC	UPDATES/DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION
1.	Welcome (Kelly)		
2.	Agenda Review (Kelly)	Reviewed.	
3.	Review of March 7 th , November 7 th Minutes (Kelly)	March 2025 minutes were not accessible on the drive, and the November minutes need updates.	Tabled until March 2026.
4.	ACCJC Updates (Kelly and Lianne)	ACCJC Comprehensive Review of Standards, Policies & Practices (June 2025) - This memo is in response to the federal government questioning the role of accrediting organizations in higher education. - Without accreditations, institutions lose the momentum of improvement, which is a key element to our service to students and our credibility. Accreditation is also an essential gateway to federal financial aid. - The memo underscores how difficult it has been for the Commission to shift the nuance of language in their policies to align with new federal regulations while remaining true to their values. - The memo outlines how ACCJC is maintaining the lens of equity in the work we all do. - The Commission is in a difficult position and continues to be a leader in navigating difficult federal changes while continuing to support its member institutions.	

		• Policy on Monitoring Institutional Performance ○ Outlines the power of accreditation to influence change and to recognize and ensure value in higher education. ○ Annual report ▪ There is a change in how this document will be reviewed. ▪ No longer a submit and thank you, but a shift to an accountability process. ▪ ACCJC will use this annual benchmark as a check-in opportunity to reflect with us on our outcomes. • Overview of 2025 ACCJC Policy Revisions ○ Significant number of changes have been made over the last five months. ○ The changes have been thoughtful and not reactionary, but provide an opportunity for institutions to be prepared for federal regulations. ○ Changes have also streamlined and simplified processes. ○ Historically, there has been a general understanding of the importance and power of accreditation. Policy revisions are making the value of accreditation explicit. ○ The overall changes are making the accreditation process stronger and better.	
5.	ASC Standard 1 Reflection Discussion (Kelly)	• ASC Reflection on ACCJC Standard 1 • Eligibility Requirements for Accreditation June 2025 • ACCJC 2024 Accreditation Standards with Review Criteria & Evidence June 2025 • ACCJC Rubrics Oct 2025	Discussion tabled to begin reflection in Spring 2026
6.	SCE WASC Update (Minerva)	• Parallel to ACCJC, ACS WASC is evolving its accreditation processes and visibility. • ACS WASC is visiting UCs and CSUs, deepening understanding of accreditation's role statewide to legitimize the work and benefits of accreditation. • Historically, accreditation is grounded in civil rights.	
7.	Questions and Announcements	• Tania shared that the DLC has created a new RSI rubric that aligns with ACCJC standards. It will go to full Academic Senate in Spring 2026. Hong was recognized for her leadership with the DLC in the RSI rubric revisions. Allie was recognized as also being supportive and instrumental in this work. Additionally, Romelia and Catherine have been champions, leading DLC in impressive work to advance distance education, supporting faculty and student success	

		• The ACCJC has been reaching out to Kelly for additional information on our RSI processes, which is a positive recognition of the work we have been doing over the last two years. • Yulianna offered to provide student support as we begin implementation of the new standards.	
Parking Lot/Upcoming Topics: •	Future meetings: March 6, 2026		Standing Information: Accreditation Website Acronym List