

**Annual Report for the Moreno Valley Campus, Riverside Community College District
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Introduction

Welcome back to the Moreno Valley Campus. This spring semester promises to be even more exciting and with continued enrollment growth.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you a progress report on the Moreno Valley Campus. Accreditation standard IV.A.5 calls for a “process to standardize the procedure of reporting actions.” This report represents one of the processes stated in our self study report of 2007 which states, “The president will deliver an annual report in writing to the Moreno Valley Strategic Planning Committee and the Academic Senate.” I have decided to share this report with the entire Moreno Valley Campus community as well.

In addition, this report is a six month assessment of the Moreno Valley Campus and represents the accomplishments and plans for Moreno Valley Campus in 08-09. It also serves as the foundation for future action in 09-10.

Environment

When I began my tenure last July the education environment at Moreno Valley Campus was promising. It still is promising but a little more sobering given the global, national and state budget crisis we face. However, the future of the campus remains exciting. I believe the campus will achieve and surpass its goals without difficulty.

The Moreno Valley Campus faculty and staff are optimistic, hardworking, and committed. This is exemplified by the collegiality of the faculty and staff and by the persistence, retention, and completion of our students in certificate, transfer and degree programs. The campus remains a high quality and caring institution.

The Moreno Valley Community fully supports our campus. The city council, Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Board of Supervisors, churches, and nonprofit agencies are committed to helping our students succeed and will support our institution in any way they can.

I have been embraced by faculty, staff, students and community members most warmly and the vision that the campus has for its future and the role it plays in the community's future are enhanced by this show of support.

Strategic Directions for Academic Year -08-09

When I began AY 08-09 I staked out three strategic directions for the Moreno Valley Campus. These were based upon the strategic planning results of the campus and the priorities set forth by the Interim Chancellor, Irving Hendrick.

The first strategic direction was making sure the Moreno Valley Campus does all that is necessary to achieve initial accreditation in January 2010. The second was to implement a set of initiatives to bring more resources (e.g. dollars, staffing, faculty hiring, facilities etc) to the campus. The third was to set the foundation for basic skills enhancement on campus and in middle and high schools in partnership with Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSDO) and Val Verde School District.

The following report assesses the degree to which we made progress with these strategic directions.

Accreditation

Since the accreditation team visit of 2007, the Moreno Valley Campus has been working diligently on meeting all the recommendations made by the team and making sure we achieve the level of a “free standing” college. I am here to tell you we have achieved this stage of maturity.

The Moreno Valley Campus has met and/or exceeded the recommendations made by the team and established the planning, academic programs, student services, resources, and governance policies and processes to meet all four standards.

The Moreno Valley Campus will have another team visit in October 2009. In preparation for that visit, the campus community is preparing the final touches of the self study that will be reviewed, edited, and completed in time for a June 2009 board meeting.

I want to thank the faculty, students, and staff for participating in the standards subcommittees and the campus wide strategic planning committee. The co-chairs for Standards I, II, III, IV have done a great amount of work and paid attention to all the standard requirements necessary to achieve initial accreditation.

There are three actions that need to be completed in the spring of 09. First, faculty, staff, and students need to read the draft self study and help strengthen it through comments and suggestions. Second, the Academic Senate, strategic planning subcommittees and campus wide strategic planning committee must engage in a dialogue about the self study and the current state of the campus so that we can continue to improve our policies and processes. Third, program review requests for 08-09 will be approved by the Resources Subcommittee and Strategic Planning Committee and expenditures will occur in March of 2009.

The dialogue will also give us an opportunity to discuss the evolution of district staff in the operation of a three college campus district. I am happy to report that district personnel have gone through a transformation and the decision making of the campuses now rests with the campuses. Roles and responsibilities of campus and district leadership have been clarified and strengthened.

Senior staff will initiate the review and discussion with the co-chairs of the standard subcommittees, campus wide strategic planning committee and Academic Senate. We look forward to your full participation and thoughts.

In addition the campus will further prepare for the team visit by beautifying the grounds and providing orientations to faculty, staff, and students about the four standards. This will take place in the spring of 09.

Resource Development

Securing resources that lay the foundation for continued growth and the realization of our strategic plan are essential ingredients to long term success. Moreno Valley Campus needs to have the resources to hire full time faculty, staff, as well as initiate programs that meet the needs of students and the community. The campus also needs to acquire the funding for facilities and equipment to meet our enrollment growth and program offerings.

The budget for FY 08-09 is sufficient; however there will be some reductions in FY 09-10. The campus was able to save 5% of its 08-09 budgets without curtailing staffing and sections. This will be our goal for 09-10, however we may need to reduce equipment, travel, and hiring new employees in order to achieve further savings in the 09-10 year. These decisions will be made through the strategic planning process and in consultation with the Academic Senate. Recommendations for the Academic Senate and the strategic planning committees will be forwarded to the President for final decisions. Again, it is my intention that there will be no reduction in our current workforce or offering of classes.

Given the austerity of the economic picture, I have launched a number of initiatives to gather additional state, federal, and private resources. These initiatives include the:

- Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC)- In cooperation with the Riverside County Sheriff and the Riverside County Fire Chief , the Campus has identified state and federal resources for facilities, faculty development, and scholarships for students interested in law enforcement, fire technology, and correctional careers.
- Acquisition of 7.8 acres from the March Health Development Corporation and Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for a new facility that will house the March Dental Education Center. Through a letter of agreement the 7.8 acres will be conveyed to the Riverside Community College District so that the district and campus can build a new dental education center that will operate our dental hygiene, assisting, and technology certificate programs.
- Allied health scholarship and an equipment fundraising program have raised \$200,000 in scholarships and \$500,000 for equipment through private and state resources. In addition the March Health Development Corporation is committed to raising \$1.2 million for dental equipment for the new March Dental Education building that will open in 2010.

- Measure C allocations for the Network Operations Center (\$2 million), Food Services Remodel (\$1 million) and infrastructure projects. Additional Measure C Projects include:
 1. Phase III building that has been approved by the state. We are waiting for the state bond match in 09-10 to break ground.
 2. Allied Health building Final Plan Proposal (FPP) will be submitted by July 1, 2009 for state approval and match in 2011.
 3. Parking structure to be approved by the Board in the March 2009 meeting and begin preliminary drawings shortly thereafter with the goal of completing the structure by 2011.

- Federal funding opportunities remain robust. We are seeking another Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) grant that will provide approximately \$5 million over five years support for academic, support services, and technology on our campus. There are a number of other federal agencies we are contacting such as the National Institutes of Health, Housing and Urban Development, Bureau of Justice Administration, Department of Labor, Homeland Security, and the National Science Foundation.

Basic Skills Enhancement and K-12 Partnerships

One of the major problems facing higher education in California is the lack of academic preparation for students to do college work. Moreno Valley is no exception. Eighty eight percent (88%) of entering freshmen at the Moreno Valley Campus cannot take college freshmen English and 97.5% college freshmen math.

The state has allocated funding through the Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) to address this issue. Our campus has established some very important projects that utilize English and mathematics instruction across disciplines and classes. The faculty are commended for these initiatives. There is much more to be done and I know new projects will be launched over the next two years.

In addition to on campus basic skills projects I have been developing partnerships with our K-12 neighbors to establish early preparation programs. Moreno Valley Unified School District and Val Verde have agreed to increase concurrent enrollment opportunities, sponsor Moreno Valley Campus counselor visits, and jointly sponsor mathematics and English academies. The churches in the area have also voiced their support to provide volunteer tutors and facilities to address pre-collegiate education issues. They have asked the campus to provide tutor training, student materials, and the curriculum to supplement English and math instruction at the middle schools and high schools.

These initiatives are essential to ensure that Moreno Valley Students are better prepared and can begin their college education taking college level courses toward transfer, degree, and certificate programs.

Future Directions

This report outlines our accomplishments and the future directions we will pursue. It also serves as the basis for dialogue so that management, classified staff, faculty, and students can engage in a discussion about how the institution is moving and where it is going. I invite the Moreno Valley campus family to use this report to bring forward new ideas and ways that we can better achieve our strategic directions.

In 2009 the accreditation process (e.g. preparation, visit, and post visit activities) will consume much of our time. In addition, bringing in new federal, state, and private dollars will also consume much of our time. This is understandable due to the priority of accreditation and urgency of funding our strategic directions. Basic skills will also remain a high priority and other initiatives that support high quality academic programs and better support services for student success will be welcomed as well.

I am pleased to be your President and I am enthusiastic about our future. Together we will achieve new heights and bring about fundamental and lasting educational change in our region.