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**Memo To:** Dr. Kevin Walthers, Superintendent/President, Allan Hancock College  
**From:** Barbara A. Beno   
**Subject:** Change in Requirements for the Institutional Self Evaluation Report and External Evaluation Report under the 2014 Accreditation Standards

As the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), colleges, and visiting teams begin to apply the 2014 Accreditation Standards in conducting comprehensive evaluation visits, we are identifying related adjustments in accreditation practices. One such adjustment emerged in responding to questions from colleges finalizing their Institutional Self Evaluation Reports (ISER) for comprehensive visits in spring 2016.

Please note, institutions being evaluated for the first time under the 2014 Accreditation Standards in spring 2016, and thereafter, **will not need** to prepare a section of the ISER that discusses the institution's response to recommendations of previous evaluation teams under the 2002 Accreditation Standards. During the self evaluation process, colleges may still find it helpful to examine those older recommendations as part of revisiting their accreditation history. However, there is no need to include a section of the ISER discussing the prior recommendations or the institution's response.

The *Manual for Institutional Self Evaluation* on the ACCJC website (click [here](#)) has been updated to reflect this change; the section that required a college's response to prior team recommendations has been eliminated.

The evaluation teams being trained for spring 2016 comprehensive evaluation visits under the 2014 Accreditation Standards will be informed that their External Evaluation Team Report will **not** include an evaluation of the institution's response to prior team recommendations under the 2002 Accreditation Standards.

I hope this information is clear and helpful. Please feel free to call any of the Vice Presidents or me at the ACCJC if you have any questions.

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cc: Dr. George Railey, Accreditation Liaison Officer