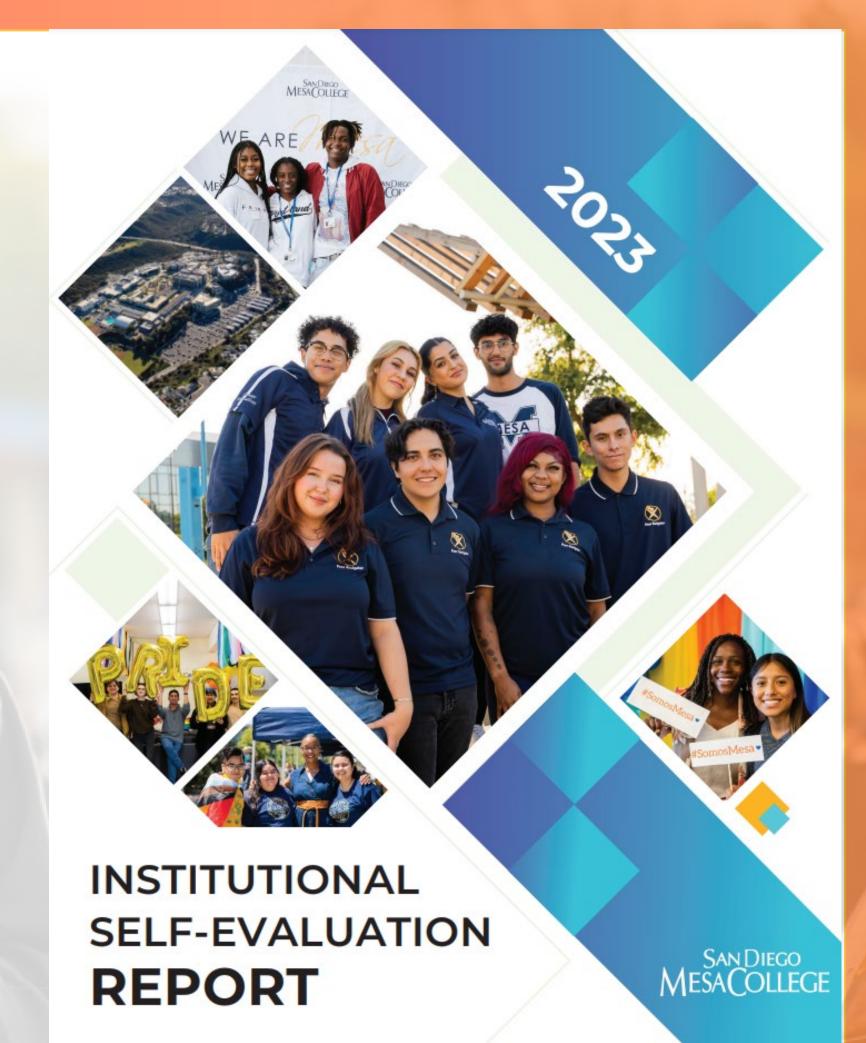
SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Update on Accreditation & Outcomes Assessment

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San Diego Mesa College's Accreditation is Reaffirmed

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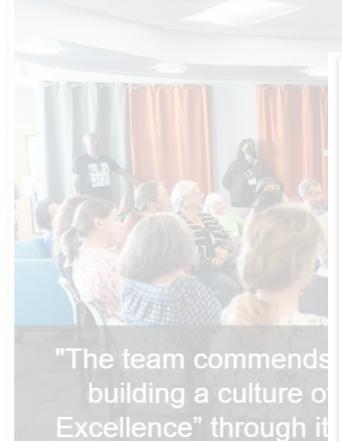


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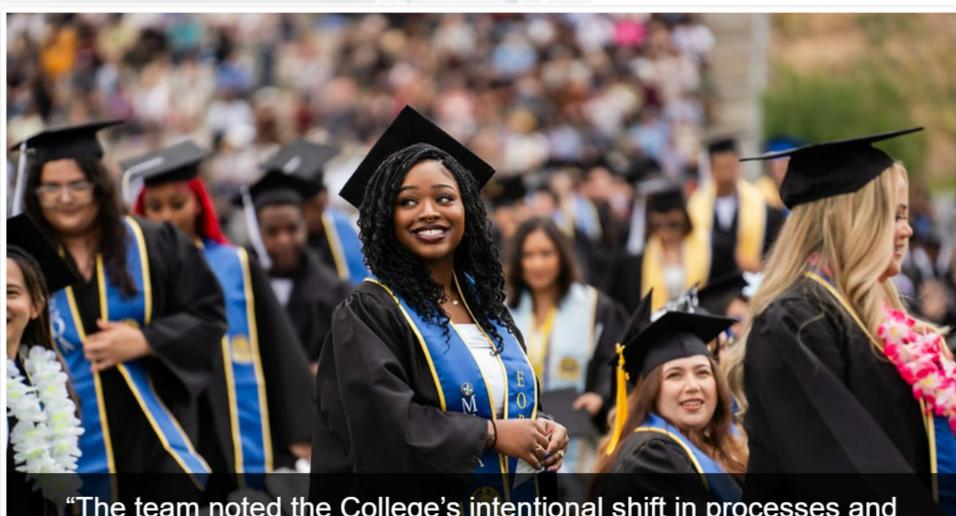


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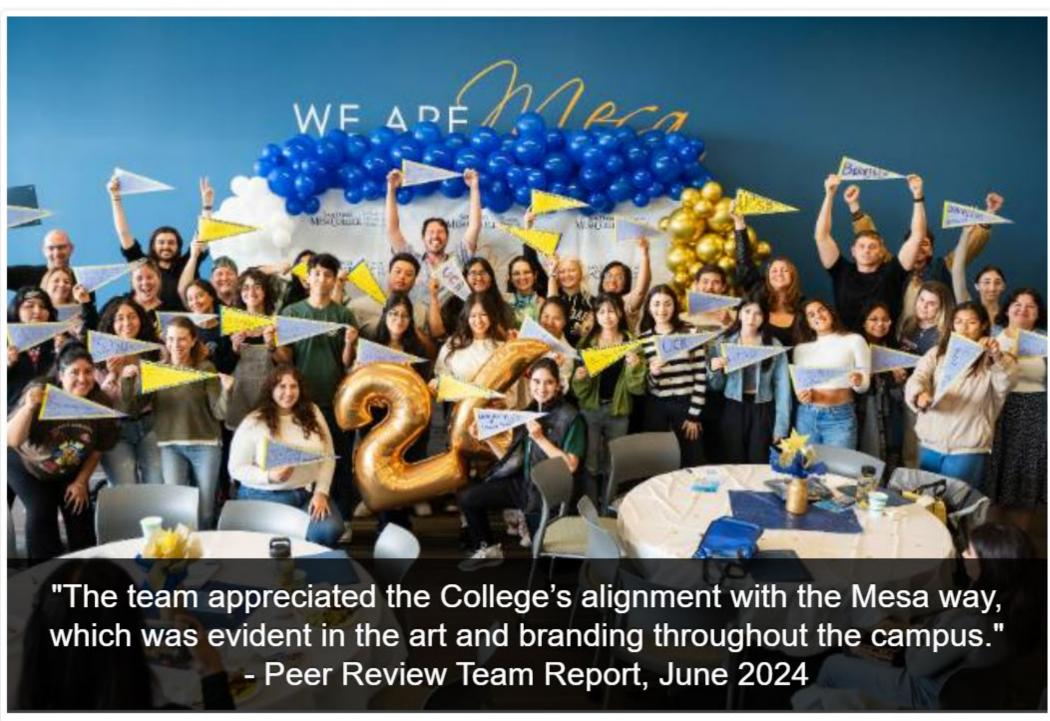


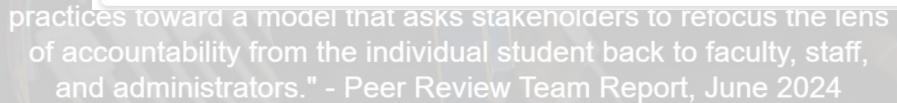
"The team noted the College's intentional shift in processes and practices toward a model that asks stakeholders to refocus the lens of accountability from the individual student back to faculty, staff, and administrators." - Peer Review Team Report, June 2024



Highlight









San Diego Mesa College's Accreditation is Reaffirmed for 18 Months

Together. We Must Change.



The Two Scenarios After 18 Months

After the Follow-up Report is submitted and Site Visit is conducted:

Scenario 1: We successfully address the requirements by October 1, 2025.

Action: We will be reaffirmed for the remainder of the 7-year accreditation cycle

Scenario 2: We fail to address the requirements by October 1, 2025.

- Potential Action 1: Defer Action require a second follow-up report within 12 months
- Potential Action 2: *Sanction* (Warning, Probation, or Show Cause) require a second follow-up report within 18 months



The Requirements

Submit a Follow-up Report due by Oct 1, 2025 (13 months from today) & prepare for a Site Visit

"Must demonstrate compliance with the following standards in the required Follow-up Report"

"Standard II.A.3 (College Requirement 1): In order to meet the Standard, the Commission requires that the College ensures that the student learning outcomes listed on course syllabi match those in the approved course outline of record."

Learning outcomes in Syllabi



Learning outcomes in Course Outline of Record

"Standard II.A.16 (College Requirement 2): In order to meet the Standard, the Commission requires that the college systematically and regularly improve programs and courses according to their established assessment processes."

Follow the established assessment process



Use the assessment results to improve programs and courses



The Approach to Address the Requirements

"Every system is perfectly designed to get the results it gets." - Edwards Deming

Current Status

Understand & clarify the current problems



People: bring in relevant stakeholders

System: clarify structure and processes

Accountability: clarify roles, responsibilities, timelines

Ideal Status

Understand & clarify the goals



Improvement Areas

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- 5. Systematically and consistently use assessment results to improve programs and courses across all instructional divisions

Current Activities

Clarify the right language

Ensure consistency in using the right language

Example: outcomes glossary, syllabi review, Nuventive,

CurriQunet Meta

Create a process and structure for syllabi review Review all syllabi to ensure compliance

Example: ensure all outcomes are in Nuventive, create syllabi

checklist, review syllabi in the random online courses & ISER

Clarify the current process and structure

Establish the ideal process and structure with a clear timeline Identify barriers to the ideal process,

Clarify roles and responsibilities to adhere to the process

Example: flow chart, syllabi checklist, outcomes reports, program review, Deans' Council, other presentations across the college

Ensure outcomes are entered

Ensure conversations about using outcomes are happening Ensure changes are made after those conversations

Example: provide outcomes reports, provide guidelines and timeline for chair/dean, share examples with faculty (type of assessments, previous changes/best practices, etc.)



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Appendix: Current Status as of 08/14

Quick Glance - Outcomes Assessment

Source: Nuventive as of 8/14/2024.



3,100
Course Learning
Outcomes (CLOs)



76
Student Services
Outcomes (SSOs)



36.1%

% of SSOs with Benchmarks

*22 benchmarks

*277 results

% of CLOs with Results

*10 results

% of SSOs with Results

13.2%

28.9%

8.9%

Appendix: Root Cause Analysis / Fishbone Diagram

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The college currently does not

improve programs and courses

systematically and regularly

according to our established

assessment processes.

NOT KNOWING THE 'WHY'

Not recognizing the

connection between

teaching and learning.

outcomes and

improvement of

"Outcomes data

is meaningless."

Unclear how this work relates our actual work.

Lack of understanding about the purpose of outcomes & assessment

Unclear why it's important

the Why

Not knowing

Quote:

Fears of

outcomes being linked to evaluation.

Employees not

importance of

assessments.

The concept that

intentional design and

course structure help

to eliminate equity

gaps is not fully

understood.

Clunky processes

realizing

outcomes

Lack of data / collecting data

Lack of staffing - too busy putting bandaids on things

Faculty and staff time is limited.

Lack of technological resources

NOT KNOWING THE 'HOW' & 'WHAT'

Things have always been done this way

Fast pace changes -- AI, new generation in workforce, lots of different technology but not efficiently using it

Not knowing how to write "outcomes", the goal, the m easure

Not having a clear distinction between assessment outcomes and assigning a grade.

Lack of vision to improve processes

Employees don't see a connection between outcomes assessment and resources.

Loss of institutional knowledge / lack of onboarding

Lack of direct communication from Admin articulating the consequences of not doing it (i.e. we lose accreditation).

Lack of knowledge of established assessment processes -- not connecting how the program or service fits into assessment processes

Lack of clear intentional connection between outcomes results and decisions

Unclear leadership role

Lack of follow up or guidelines

not the right Support Structure

Working in silos

Lack of connection between COA and Curriculum, Senates, Dean Councils, PR

Lack of direct communication from Admin

Connecting all of our dots together is more work. Easier to work in silos.

LACK OF RESOURCES

STRUCTURE/SYSTEM/CULTURE