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**To:**

**From:** Paul J. Zingg and Scott G. McNall

**Subject:** Evidence Teams for WASC Capacity and Preparatory Review

As you know, our campus has started the reaffirmation of WASC accreditation process. In order to remain accredited, we must demonstrate that as an institution we fulfill the two Core Commitments of the Accrediting Commission, a Commitment to Institutional Capacity and a Commitment to Educational Effectiveness. Under the new WASC Accreditation Review Process, we submitted an Institutional Proposal <sup>1</sup> that is to guide the process. After some revision, that proposal was approved on March 15, 2004 by WASC's Proposal Review Committee.

Given the two core commitments, the WASC Review Process includes two parts: a Capacity and Preparatory Review (CPR) and an Educational Effectiveness Review (EER). The overall purpose of the former (CPR) review is to ensure that CSU, Chico "... functions with clear purposes, high levels of institutional integrity, fiscal stability, and organizational structures to fulfill its purposes." A report on the review is to be submitted to WASC in December 2006 and a Capacity and Preparatory Review campus visit is scheduled for spring 2007.

We are inviting you to share your expert judgment on how the campus can / should demonstrate its capacity to define and sustain learning and educational effectiveness. In particular, we will ask you to identify what evidence and / or data currently exists that could be used to demonstrate that CSU, Chico meets the broad statement of the ... *name of* (e.g. Diversity) Standard. We will also ask you to evaluate the quality of evidence or data identified. We will then use your input and judgments to develop an electronic, web-based performance measurement system that provides data on indicators and metrics of achievement that demonstrate progress towards achieving our vision, mission, and strategic priorities.

The Council of Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability (CIE&A), chaired by Vice Provost Rethans, will serve as the Steering Committee for our WASC reaccreditation process. The Council will coordinate and report on your team's work as it progresses towards completing its task. Towards that end, you are invited to attend a CPR organizational meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 3:00 pm in Kendall Hall 207-209.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help demonstrate our important and substantial achievements since the last (1994) WASC review.

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<sup>1</sup> (<http://www.csuchico.edu/vpaa/vppra/wasc/instProposal.html>)