Accreditation Steering Committee
Tuesday, March 20, 2012
1:00 PM – Winlock

Attending: Judy Chow, Adrienne Foster, Betty Jacobs, Ken Lin, Fran Leonard, Ken Takeda

Guest: Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, President

Fran thanked everyone for attending and said that a number of people had indicated a conflict with another meeting. She also noted the number of commendations mentioned in the exit interview that West should be proud of.

President Nabil reviewed the recommendations from the accreditation team visit March 15, 2012 with the group.

Adrienne shared a commendation to Southwest College re. SLOs. A suggestion was made by a member not to critique our SLOs but to move forward on the improvements to SLOs.

Discussion followed of recommendations on updating the Library’s textbook research collection. Obtaining funding for new textbooks was discussed.

ACCJC is asking for a richer assessment, both quantitatively and qualitatively of how the college is serving its students. Student Services plan has been updated and posted.

Nabil spoke on recommendations #4 and #11 from the ACCJC. More work will proceed on planning and resource allocation processes. West has a planning agenda that specifically addresses this. Prioritization – Evidence-based dialogue should inform prioritization. How do we do planning that holds itself communally to account? How do we say that my item is more important or less important than your request? West will create a roadmap on how to address the recommendations.

Faculty need to engage now while faculty are here to meet recommendation #10 by fall 2012. A letter will go out to the college with a summary of recommendations received by the ACCJC.

Fran asked whether someone would be interested in serving as faculty chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee going forward. She will mentor him/her.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.