What is this “WASC” thing and why should I care?

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Agenda

• WASC definition
• Process and timeline
• Next steps
• Comments and questions
• Raffle
What is WASC?
Why does WASC matter?

• Determines institutional eligibility for federal (Title IV) and state financial aid programs

• Enables acceptance and transfer of college credit

• Required for admission to many graduate programs
Why does WASC matter?

- Provides assurance that an institution meets WASC standards for educational quality

- Requires in-depth study of educational effectiveness and student learning

- Leads to developing and sharing good practices in improving the teaching and learning process

- Promotes a culture where decisions are based on information ("culture of evidence")
What does the campus have to do for WASC?

• Form a Steering Committee
  - Glen Brodowsky  CoBA Faculty
  - Dilcie Perez    Student Affairs
  - Tracey Brown   CSM Faculty
  - Patricia Prado-Olmos  Community Engagement
  - Melanie Chu   Library Faculty
  - Elizabeth Matthews  CHABSS Faculty
  - Regina Eisenbach  Academic Programs

• Write an Institutional Report
• Participate in an Off-site Review
• Host WASC team for On-site Visit
What is the WASC Timeline?

- **Spring 2014**
  - Assembled writing teams
  - Began writing essays for Institutional Report

- **Fall 2014**
  - Completed essays for Institutional Report
  - Began Town Hall discussions

- **Spring 2015**
  - Continued Town Hall discussions

- **Summer 2015**
  - Institutional Report due

- **Fall 2015**
  - Off site Review

- **Spring 2016**
  - On site Review/visit
Next steps – how would you be involved?

- Helping with campus logistics – e.g.
  - Travel
  - Parking
  - IITS
  - Scheduling
  - Keys

- Spreading the word to colleagues about visit

- Look for articles in NewsCenter featuring WASC from the Office of Communications

- Next key dates
  - Off-site Review: November 19, 2015
  - Campus Visit: March 16 – 18, 2016

230 days!!
Who should I contact about WASC visit?

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Comments and questions?
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