Assessment Plan

Yuba Community College District

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Program Description: The Office of Planning, Research, and Student Success (PRSS) is a relatively new office at Yuba College; created in 2009 to meet the planning and research needs for Yuba College, as a distinct organizational body from the Yuba Community College District. The Director of PRSS, Erik Cooper, was hired in August 2009, and at this time, is the only member of this administrative unit.

Since then, PRSS has worked diligently to increase the "culture of evidence" on campus by working with various users and groups, such as the Academic Senate and Basic Skills Committee. Much of the research that has been conducted over the past 3 years has been focused on student success, retention, and the evaluation of basic skills projects, such as the learning communities program and acceleration for English and Math sequences. Some early work on the success of basic skills student progression formed a key point in the English department?s recent decision to reduce the number of below transfer courses.

Second, this office has also been working with the Vice Chancellor of Educational and Planning Services and the Director of Planning, Research, and Student Success at Woodland Community College to form a more efficient and complete Institutional Effectiveness process. While the IE model was originally developed by the District prior to our arrival, we have adapted it to changing needs of the district and to make it a more usable set of documents.

Third, this office has been active in its role as a facilitator of student learning outcomes assessment and support to accreditation.

The Director of Planning, Research, and Student Success was assigned additional responsibilities for the 2011-12 year as the Director of College Success Center and Director of the Testing & Assessment Office. These extra responsibilities have taken a small toll on the ability of the Office of Planning, Research, and Student Success to meet timely research requests.

Year of Review: 2011-2012

Type of Review: Annual Update

Executive Summary: The Office of Planning, Research, and Student Success has expanded its role beyond its original mission and consequently is finding it difficult to meet every request in a timely manner.

Future Goals and Program Direction: Work with the Director of Planning, Research, and Student Success at Woodland Community College to continue to refine and improve the institutional effectiveness process.

Recommendation: External Hard Drive

Purchase an external hard-drive to back up local data sources.

Year(s) Requested: 2011-2012

Request Date: 05/18/2011

Recommendation Priority: 2. Medium Priority

Plans of Action

Plan of Action	Budgetary Impact	Timeline/Responsible Party	Active
Work with IT to to get a quote and fill an order for the technology **Type:** Equipment/Technology	Between $50 and $125		Yes

Recommendation: Cut Score Validation

The Planning, Research, and Student Success office has become responsible for validating the cut scores of the district placement and assessment test. The current process relies

Year(s) Requested: 2011-2012

Recommendation Priority: 1. Low Priority