CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS
Meeting called to order at 3:06 pm.

ACTION ITEMS
1. Consider Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2015
   Lori Kildal
   Motioned (Pinet), Seconded (Lofman), unanimously approved.

HARTNELL COLLEGE VISION STATEMENT
Hartnell College will be nationally recognized for the success of our students by developing leaders who will contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our region and the global community.

HARTNELL COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT
Focusing on the needs of the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College provides educational opportunities for students to reach academic goals in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.
Dr. Kildal stated that Dr. Fields’ term will begin August 2015; first meeting of council begins in September due to fall classes starting after 3rd Monday of August.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS

1. Accreditation Visit

   Lori Kildal

   Dr. Kildal shared that the visit by the accreditation team went smoothly. Dr. Lewallen, Dr. Wright, Dr. Lofman, Ms. Kimbrough, and Dr. Kildal met with the visiting team off and on throughout the day, reviewed the evidence, and answered any questions. Dr. Kildal said the team seemed very impressed with the writing, editing, and evidence as it was presented in the follow-up report.

   The College should receive a letter from the ACCJC once the accreditation team has a chance to evaluate the team's notes. The letter is expected within a week or two. At that point the College can respond to the letter with any errors of fact.

   Ms. Kimbrough added that the overall tone of this visit was very positive. Dr. Lofman said Dr. Kildal and Dina did an excellent job in preparing for the team visit, and that he received compliments on the work of this campus and the evidence we provided to the team.

   One recurring question that came up by the visiting team to interviewees was a diagram of the continuous improvement model we were using. Dr. Wright explained to her team member that the governance structure could be described as both a sine wave and a circle.

2. Next Steps: Midterm Report

   Lori Kildal

   Dr. Kildal explained that the plan is to use the same process on the Midterm Report. Planning will begin as early as fall 2015. The Midterm Report is expected to be due March 15, 2016. The report will provide further detail and evidence on planning agenda items to assess. (Planning Agenda Items are now called “self-identified improvement plans” in documentation.)

   There was discussion on the process for gathering evidence for the report. All agreed that using google docs was a fairly effective way to gather and maintain evidence for later inclusion in the report. It was asked if there was a way to include “track changes,” as is available in Word. VPIT Coombs said the Google doc just needs to be set up for track changes by the owner (originator) of the document.
Dr. Wright asked what comes next after the Midterm Report. Dr. Kildal explained that the cycle starts over again preparing the Comprehensive Report. Part of the Comprehensive Report is a Quality Focus Essay, which demonstrates 2 to 3 things the College would focus on in the next period.

3. White Paper on Accreditation – U.S. Senate Committee      Brian Lofman
Dr. Lofman shared the article posted on the Accreditation council’s website. The article discussed the national conversation surrounding accreditation. Dr. Fields said she felt the article did not really provide a clear pathway to resolving any accreditation issues, but did highlight the melding of accreditation issues with financial aid issues. This report, which was published in 2015, is pertinent because it’s coming out at the same time as conversations about “performance based funding,” the “success scorecard,” and “for-profit versus not-for-profit colleges.”

OTHER ITEMS/BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Response to Commission Actions on Policy      Lori Kildal
Dr. Kildal announced that the council’s comment, due to the ACCJC on April 20th, was emailed to Dr. Krista Johns at ACCJC and receipt was confirmed.

NEXT MEETING(S)
• Monday, May 18, 2015
• Monday, September 21, 2015
• Monday, October 9, 2015
• Monday, November 16, 2015
• Monday, December 2015 – No meeting due to winter break

ADJOURNMENT      Lori Kildal
Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.