



HARTNELL COLLEGE

## ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

October 6, 2025, 3:30 p.m., E-112 and Zoom

### Minutes

*Approved 11/03/25*

MEMBERS	Constituent Group	Present	Absent
1. Gayle Pitman, Tri-Lead	Administration	x	
2. Mario Flores	Administration	X	
3. Ana Gonzalez	Administration	X	
4. Sandra Guzman	Administration	X	
5. Graciano Mendoza	Administration	X	
6. Chelsy Pham	Administration	X	
7. David Techaira	Administration		X
8. Layheng Ting	Administration	X	
9. Kayla Valentine	Administration	X	
10. Mo Yahdi	Administration		X
11. Vinita Tiwari, Tri-Lead	Classified (CSEA)	X	
12. Lisa Fischler	Classified (CSEA)		X
13. Dawn Henry	Classified (CSEA)	X	
14. Vanessa Meldahl	Classified (Confidential)	X	
15. David Beymer, Tri-Lead	H.C.F.A.	X	
16. Peter Calvert	H.C.F.A.		X
17. Peter Gray	H.C.F.A.		X
18. Miguel-Angel Manrique	H.C.F.A.	X	
19. Heather Rodriguez	H.C.F.A.	X	

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:35 pm.

#### 2. Review of ISER Progress

The committee received an update on the status of the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER). Dr. Pitman reported that narrative drafts have been completed for all accreditation standards. Most standards now have evidence linked within the document and uploaded to the appropriate evidence folders. A few standards still require additional documentation; outreach has been made to the respective areas to request the missing materials. The committee discussed the overall progress and noted that the self-study remains on track for completion according to the established timeline.

#### 3. Assignments and Follow-up Leads

The committee discussed the process for reviewing the accreditation standards and providing feedback on the ISER draft. To ensure a thorough yet efficient review, members agreed to divide the standards among the committee rather than have everyone review the entire

document. Each committee member will be assigned three standards to review, and the assigned standards will not be ones they originally wrote. Mr. Beymer volunteered to develop and share the list of assignments. All assigned reviews should be completed by Friday, October 31, in preparation for discussion at the next Accreditation Committee meeting.

#### **4. Accreditation Timeline Review**

The committee reviewed the updated accreditation timeline. A status update on the ISER will be presented at the December Get Connected collegewide forum. A complete draft of the ISER is expected by February 2026, after which it will be circulated to governance councils and stakeholder groups for feedback during March and April 2026. The Governing Board will receive a presentation in May or June, with formal board approval anticipated in June or July 2026. The ISER will be submitted to ACCJC by August 1, 2026.

In Fall 2026, the peer review team will conduct its review and identify any core inquiries requiring additional information or evidence, which Hartnell should receive by October 2026. The site visit has not yet been scheduled but is expected to occur in February or March 2027, with ACCJC action on Hartnell's accreditation status anticipated at the June 2027 meeting.

#### **5. ACCJC updates**

Dr. Pitman shared recent updates from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), including a link to the new ACCJC data dashboards, which were introduced in a [memo](#) to colleges dated August 7, 2025. The committee reviewed the dashboards and discussed how the data might inform Hartnell's ongoing self-evaluation work.

Information regarding the June 2025 ACCJC actions was also shared, along with an overview of recent findings issued to other institutions. The committee noted that all colleges receiving findings of noncompliance were cited for not meeting standards related to Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) in distance education courses. The group discussed possible steps Hartnell could take to strengthen its own RSI compliance and ensure continued adherence to ACCJC standards.

#### **6. Closing Remarks/Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

#### **NEXT MEETING(S)**

November 3, 2025

December 1, 2025

February 2, 2026

March 2, 2026

April 6, 2026

May 4, 2026