The most exciting thing that has happened in the last few weeks has been the creation of the Center for Institutional Excellence [http://www.vvc.edu/offices/cfie/](http://www.vvc.edu/offices/cfie/) This is a tremendous resource for faculty and staff in working on both instructional and program assessments. I encourage anyone who has questions about program review or SLO/PLO Assessments to make an appointment with one of the experts who “man” the Center on a regular basis.

We are well on our way to completing recommendations 2, 3 and 6. This will complete the requirements for the current accreditation cycle and should result in reaffirmation of accreditation at the January Commission meeting. That however does not mean that our work is over. It is not, it is just the beginning. As Dr. Beno said in her April 29th letter to Dr. O’Hearn, we need to continue to develop a college-wide dialogue about quality and improvement that incorporates the results of program review. This should become part of the institutional culture and practice of assessment and improvement, with a commitment from all levels of an institution.

On March 15th 2014 we will have to complete a mid-term report:

“ The Midterm Report includes a narrative analysis and evidence that demonstrates how deficiencies have been resolved, describes progress on recommendations for improvement, and identifies the status of the institution’s self-identified improvement plans (formerly planning agenda items) from the Institutional Self Evaluation.” Quoted from the ACCJC Manual.

We will therefore be required to show that VVC has experienced a culture change. One in which we use program review assessment to drive our mission and the way we educate. Obviously, our scorecard will be a big factor in determining success, although that is obviously going to take some time before we see results. (the scoreboard is based on the 6 year cohort).

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