

Porterville College

Integrated Planning, Assessment, and Action

A model of effective institutional planning at Porterville College



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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe the phases and activities relating to institutional planning at Porterville College. The four words within the IPAA Model – Integrated, Planning, Assessment, and Action - are intentionally included in the name to emphasize important aspects relating to effective institutional planning.

- **I**ntegrated

This term is included to emphasize that planning is not an isolated activity, but one that includes the participation of all employee constituent groups, involves coordination with the various committees and groups on campus, and utilizes planning documents necessary to make informed decisions about all aspects of the college.

- **P**lanning

Planning involves not only dealing with present circumstances, but also looking to where we want to be in the future. In order to move our college and students into the future, we must plan now. Institutional dialogue needs to be continuous and utilize all data, reports, and documents available in order to make informed decisions.

- **A**ssessment

Porterville College values continuous assessment in its efforts to improve services to our students, employees, and community. These assessments are maintained through program review, surveys, data review, and other activities that may provide the college with relevant information regarding its progress in meeting its stated goals and objectives.

- **A**ction

Planning for the sake of planning does little in terms of institutional improvement. The result of any planning should be action. The actions taken in response to the planning and assessments conducted are those that not only improve our services now, but also take into consideration actions that may affect our students, our college, and our community in the future.

The IPAA Model

I - *Integrated*

Effective planning cannot be realized if not all constituent groups on campus are involved. Before planning can take place, there needs to be active involvement among the employees of the college. As noted below, the various groups or committees relating to planning at Porterville College include representation from faculty, staff, administration, and students. When involved, each employee feels integrated into the overall operations of the college.

Since there are many committees, activities, or groups within Porterville College that relate in some part of planning not all employees are expected to be involved in every phase of planning. However, every employee should or is encouraged to participate in at least one aspect of planning. This could be serving on a committee that relates to budget, enrollment management, institutional governance, or it could be participation in their respective area's program review process. Regardless of how they may participate, this involvement allows employees an opportunity to connect their daily work with the overall efforts of the college.

In addition to being involved in areas relating to planning, the following excerpt from the college's Participatory Governance statement emphasizes the college's commitment to broad participation of employees in the governance and planning structures of the institution:

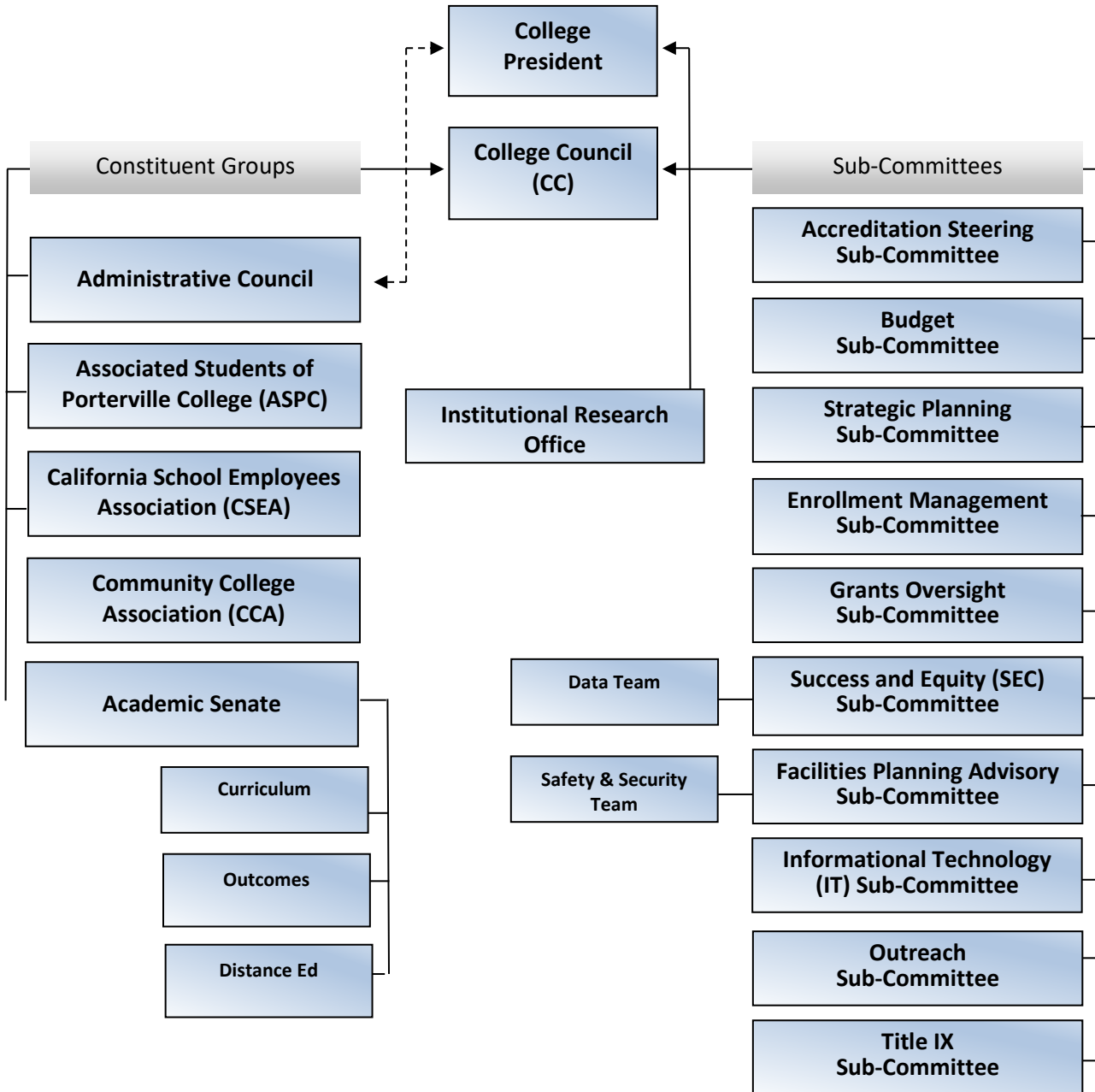
"Participatory governance at Porterville College takes place on multiple levels. It is a process that ensures the students, staff, faculty and administration the right to participate effectively in the governance of the college, providing the opportunity for input and ensuring this input is given every reasonable consideration and that all decisions are well informed. Through the participatory process, the campus community engages in ongoing dialogue about quality, learning assessment and implementation of institutional changes that improve student success. This dialogue promotes trust and broadens the sense of participation within the campus community."

Within the various committees and councils, there is active participation from all constituent groups. This broad representation not only allows employees the opportunity to participate, but also enhances and improves the overall planning and effectiveness of the learning and support services offered by the institution.

As indicated in the following flow chart, while each committee or group on the College Council oversees a specific area, the general oversight of college-wide planning occurs in the College Council. Not only does this body include broad representation from all the constituent groups on campus, it also includes representatives from the various committees on campus where more focused planning occurs.

Planning and Decision Making Flow Chart

This flow chart illustrates the integration of employees, committees, etc. into the planning process.



P - Planning

Various documents have been created to assist the college in institutional planning. These plans include information such as data, demographics, current circumstances, projection of future trends, and findings from program review. Those listed below are not, however, all inclusive of the plans that may be developed and utilized as part of institutional planning. In addition, ongoing review of these plans occurs both within the specific committee or group from which the plan originated and within the College Council.

- **Program Reviews**

Program reviews at Porterville College are conducted on a three-year cycle. Each of the academic divisions compiles a review on that cycle. The administrative areas are also on a three-year cycle, determined by the administrator to whom they report. Completed program reviews are assessed by the Strategic Planning Committee according to a rubric, then sent on to College Council. Once they have gone through College Council, they are available for use in planning by the various planning committees: enrollment management, strategic planning, budget, grants oversight, and others.

- **Educational Master Plan**

During fall 2016, the College began working with the consultant MAAS Companies on the creation of a new Educational Master Plan. The process involved the gathering of data on community needs, population and demographic projections, and enrollment patterns at the college, including projections through 2030 and recommendations for space needs. The plan was adopted in 2017 and forms the basis for facilities and other planning at the college.

- **Facilities Master Plan**

The Educational Master Plan (EMP) outlines the program needs of the College through about 2030. The Facilities Master Plan uses the EMP as a guide to plan facilities needs throughout the college. The current plan, completed in 2018, includes information on current facilities conditions, including buildings, landscape conditions, zoning rules, bicycle and pedestrian traffic, and water use. It is linked not only to our Educational Master Plan, but to other aspects of our planning processes, including enrollment trends and projections for the future, space needs, and maximizing resource availability, such as bond measure funds approved by voters in 2014.

- **Porterville College Strategic Plan**

In the 2017-18 academic year, the College developed its most recent Strategic Plan. The process involved a review of data, particularly a set of Common Measures which was developed during the previous college and district planning process. The Strategic Planning Committee reviewed progress on previously established goals and objectives and developed goals going forward through 2021. The Kern Community College District will use the Porterville College Plan, along with those of Bakersfield College and Cerro Coso Community College, as the starting points for discussion of a district-wide Strategic Plan in the 2018-19 academic year.

- **Enrollment Management Plan**

Porterville College developed its first Enrollment Management Plan in the 2011-12 academic year and updated it during 2017-18. The plan includes data on enrollment trends and a set of goals based on four strategic directions: recruitment, clarifying a path, persistence, and completion.

- **Information Technology Plan**

The Information Technology Plan guides the college in terms of processes for providing new and upgraded technology equipment and software, repairing IT equipment, and establishing minimum computer standards, wireless policies and procedures, use of computer procedures, and guidelines regarding media services and web pages. The plan also includes the organizational and reporting structure of the staff in addition to related KCCD board policies and procedures regarding computer use and network prohibitions.

- **Distance Education Plan**

The Distance Education Plan, adopted in 2018, defines the various types of distance education opportunities provided at Porterville College, lists the policies and procedures affecting distance education, and includes a set of goals for the near future.

- **SSSP, Equity, & BSI Integrated Plan**

Planning for the Student Success & Support Program (SSSP), Student Equity and Basic Skills Initiative planning have been combined into one integrated effort. The Plan addresses student success efforts in a variety of areas, including access, and course and program completion. It also identifies equity gaps and includes a set of five goals designed to reduce those gaps and improve student success.

- **Guided Pathways Workplan**

Guided Pathways is a statewide program established across all 114 California Community Colleges, designed to streamline processes and procedures to promote student success. The Porterville College Workplan, based on a statewide template, identifies activities the college will use to roll out guided pathways efforts across the college and its programs.

The following chart illustrates the integration of the various plans listed above into the institutional planning process.



A - Assessment

One of the major activities on campus in which the college and its programs assess their effectiveness is the program review process. Each instructional and non-instructional program conducts a program review every three years. These reviews include the compilation of various data and information including: the division/program mission statement; student learning outcomes (instruction) or service area outcomes (non-instructional); program analysis and trends, how the goals link to the college mission statement; staffing levels and requests for new or replacement positions; IT, Facilities, Safety/Security, and budget requests with a justification for any increases noted.

When the division completes its program review, it is forwarded to the Strategic Planning committee for evaluation to ensure that it contains the required information and meets the standards according to the program review evaluation matrix. Those reviews that are missing necessary elements are referred back to the division for modification and those that contain the necessary elements are forwarded to the College Council for review and approval. Once approved, the program reviews are then forwarded to and reviewed in the Budget committee to be used when making decisions about budget allocations.

In addition to information obtained from the regular program review process, the Porterville College Strategic Plan, Enrollment Management Plan, and Student Services Strategic Plan each have within them various goals and objectives that are measured and assessed.

A - Action

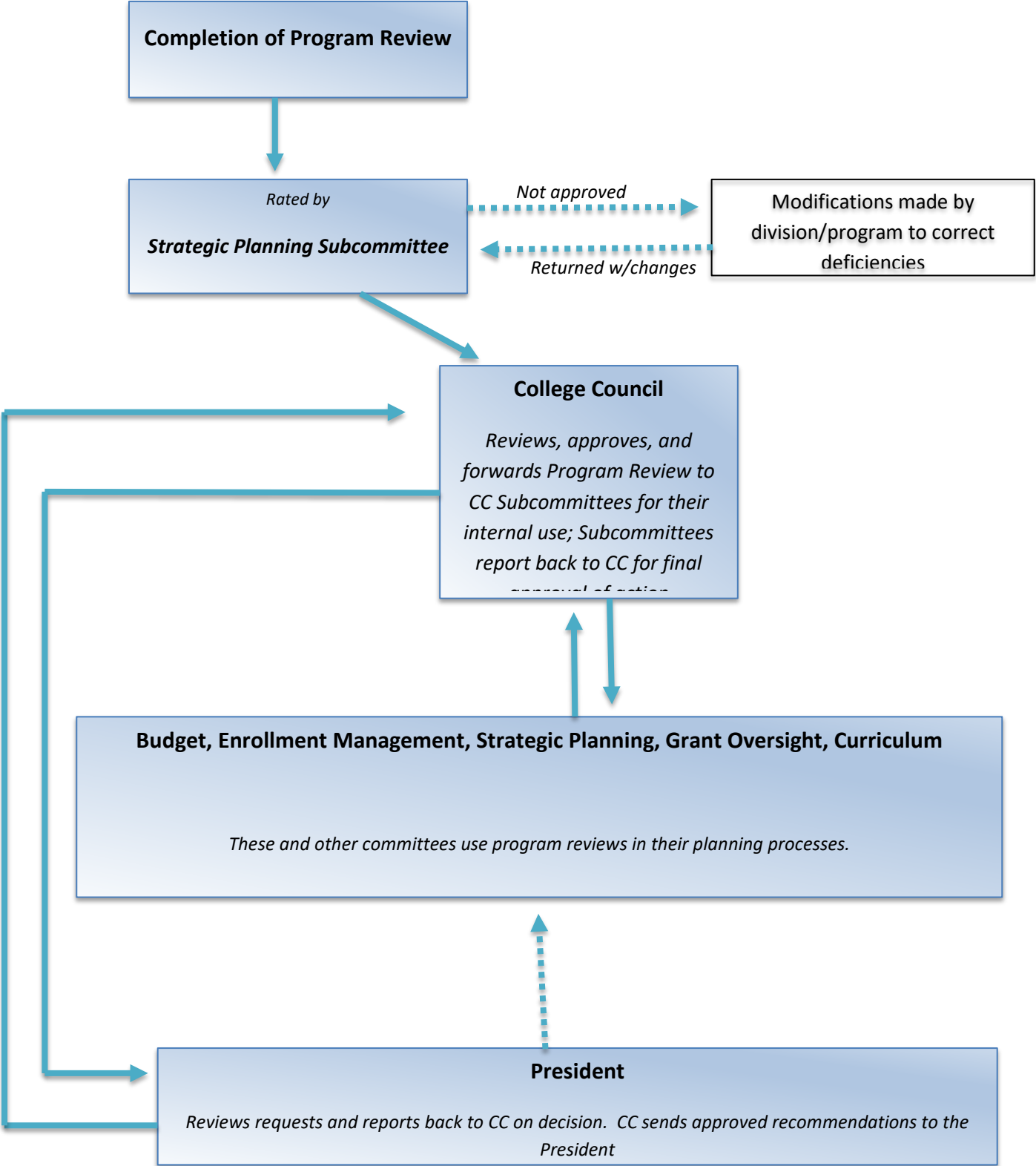
The final stage of this model is action. Once goals and objectives have been established, action should be taken. Goals may change, processes may be modified, or services may be added. Regardless, it is important to use what was found in the assessments to improve the college's student learning and support services.

The IPAA model is not just for general college-wide planning, but can be used for program-specific planning, too. For example, each employee in a program should be involved in the program's planning (*integrate*); each program should use data and dialogue when setting goals (*planning*); each program should assess and measure its effectiveness through program reviews, surveys, etc. (*assessment*); and each program should utilize what it learns about itself in improvement of its services (*action*).

Linking Program Reviews to the Planning and Decision Making Process

PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS

Linking Program Reviews to Budget, Enrollment Management, Strategic Planning, and Grant Oversight



If necessary, president solicits subcommittee input regarding the impact expenditure request may have on related areas of planning and provides any necessary input to subcommittees

Strategic Planning Calendar

July

- Implement new or revised plans

August

- Implement new or revised plans
- Send email notification of program review and planning document deadlines by end of August

September

- Divisions/Departments to begin scheduled Program Reviews
- SP Committee begins review of Previous year's Goals & Objectives
- SP Committee Bi-Monthly Progress Report to CC
- KCCD BOT adopts final budget

October

- Academic senate reviews Faculty positions
- Academic Senate, CSEA, and Administrative Counsel submit position requests to CC
- Budget development process for next year begins
- Program Review Updates/budget worksheets due to Budget Committee by Oct. 15

November

- SP Committee Bi-Monthly Progress Report to CC
- Send email reminder of program review and planning document deadlines (Nov. 1st)
- Divisions/Departments to report on progress of Program Reviews to CC

December

- Review progress of Strategic Plan

January

- State Budget Report Issued

February

- Budget development process continues
- SP Committee Bi-Monthly Progress Report to CC
- CC to review Mission Statement
- Program Reviews submitted to SP for review by Feb. 1st

March

- All sub-committees submit Plans to Strategic Planning (i.e. Facilities, Ed Master, IT, Enrollment Management, Staffing) by March 1
- Program Reviews submitted to College Council for review by March 31st

April

- Budget Committee to complete next year tentative budget
- CC to review Goals & Objectives (for following year)
- SP Committee Bi-Monthly Progress Report to CC
- CC reviews and approves college-wide plans (i.e. IT, Facilities, etc.)
- Begin SP Committee End of the year review and identify areas of improvement
- Program Reviews approved by College Council April 30th

May

- CC to recommend approval of next year tentative budget
- State May-Revise Budget Report issued

June

- KCCD BOT adopts tentative budget

Porterville College Timeline of Major Institutional Processes

PROCESS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Accreditation Cycle		Mid-term Report				Visit (f25)
Strategic Plan	Revise	Implement		Revise	Implement	
Distance Education Plan	Revise	Implement				
Educational Master Plan		Revise	Implement			
Enrollment Management Plan		Revise	Implement		Revise	Implement
Facilities Master Plan			Revise	Implement		
Guided Pathways Workplan						
Information Technology Plan	Revise	Implement		Revise	Implement	
SSSP/Equity/BSI Integrated Plan						
Program Review	Selected division/dept	Selected division/dept	Selected division/dept	Selected division/dept	Selected division/dept	Selected division/dept
Budget Development	Yearly	Yearly	Yearly	Yearly	Yearly	Yearly
Planning Surveys	Staff Dev(F) CCSSE (S)	Strategic Planning (F) Student Sat (S)	Climate (F)	Staff Dev(F) CCSSE (S)	Strategic Planning (F) Student Sat (S)	Climate (F)

Summary

Porterville College is committed to the implementation of institutional planning and review processes that are integrated across campus and involve the college's constituent groups. Effective planning leads to effective processes. To that end, the college will continue to evaluate and implement processes that are efficient, effective, and improve the institution's student learning and support services.