

**Foothill College
Program Review Committee (PRC)
Feedback Spring 2018**

Thank you for your time and effort in completing the Comprehensive Program Review this year. We know it is a lot of work but we hope it has been helpful. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to improve on behalf of our students. The program review process allows others throughout the college to learn about your work and how it supports the college mission, educational master plan, and equity goals.

The Program Review Committee (PRC) recognizes your comprehensive program review was drafted in the Fall of 2017, prior to the College's pivot to a productivity model. Nevertheless, program viability and productivity are closely linked and the PRC did consider this a factor in the overall rating of your program.

The PRC read and discussed each Comprehensive Program Review during a series of meetings in Winter 2018. The committee's feedback is outlined below. Please note that PRC would be happy to meet with any department or program if there are any questions/concerns.

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: Chemistry

COMMENDATIONS & STRENGTHS:

- PRC commends the department on the professional development and pedagogical modifications undertaken to address achievement disparities.
- PRC commends the department for developing Chem 30A in a hybrid format to add flexibility for students.
- PRC commends the department on their thoughtful use of course-level student learning outcomes assessment and reflections to inform curriculum and pedagogical modifications to increase student success.
- PRC commends the department for its outreach to home school and dual enrollment students.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

- PRC suggests the department re-examine how it might create an ADT in Chemistry.
- PRC suggests engaging in the guided pathway discussion as it reviews its curriculum.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The achievement disparities in the chemistry program are significant. PRC encourages the department continue to engage in ongoing discussions and professional development that addresses these disparities. PRC recommends that the department report back in the Fall 2018 on how ongoing efforts to address achievement disparities are working.
- With the college's emphasis on productivity, the PRC recommends that faculty and the dean explore ways of improving the program's overall productivity.

FINAL RATING: Yellow for achievement gap disparity