

Foothill College 2014-15 Comprehensive Program Review
Program Review Committee Feedback Winter 2016, May 5, 2016
English as a Second Language (ESL)

FINAL

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 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 read and discussed each comprehensive program review during a series of meetings in winter 2016. Our feedback is outlined below. We would be happy to meet with the department if there are any questions.

Commendations / Strengths

PRC commends the department's work with the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) and the expansion into supplemental instruction.

PRC commends the department on its work with Vocational ESL course development.

PRC commends early initiatives regarding ESLL listening and speaking course /curriculum development.

Suggestions for Improvement

PRC is concerned about declining enrollment and recommends the department develop a plan for identifying its primary student audience (considering both native and international students) and curricular focus, consistent with the college mission statement and Educational Master Plan Goals. The plan might outline steps towards developing alternative pathways and modes of instruction and locations to best serve students. The plan might also outline how the resource requests (Full-time NCEL Instructor/Coordinator, Full-time ESLL Composition Instructor, Full-time ESLL Instructor (Generalist)) are necessary for achieving the objectives of the department and how the two full-time non-credit ESLL instructors hired through a State pathways grant will contribute to the future of the department.

PRC suggests department members review and discuss the Dean and VPI comments.

Recommendation – Yellow

PRC recommends that the department meet with PRC in the spring quarter 2016.

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The program is recommended to complete an Out-Of-Cycle Comprehensive Program Review for 2016-17.

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