**Integrated Planning and Budget Committee (IP&B) Summer 2016**

**Length of Comprehensive Program Review Cycle**

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Proposal

IP&B recommends that Foothill College continue with the 3-year comprehensive program review cycle.

Rationale

IP&B was charged with reviewing the length of the Comprehensive Program Review cycle for the College.

Foothill College uses a 3-year comprehensive program review cycle. Historically, the 3-year cycle was chosen to correlate with our 6-year accreditation cycle. That is, each accreditation self-study includes two comprehensive reviews for each program, which allows us to accurately demonstrate our timely, cyclical use of program review data to inform changes for program improvement. The committee reviewed the benefits of the 3-year cycle versus a 6-year cycle.

1. Advantage of 3-year cycle:
   1. Correlates with our accreditation midterm reports that are completed every 3 years
   2. Allows for timely response to changing institutional priorities / budgets
   3. Allows for more timely response to curricular needs / changes
   4. A 3-year review is likely less onerous than pulling together all the information every 6 years.
2. Advantage of 6-year cycle:
   1. Provides opportunity for longer term reflection (specifically, identification of trends not yet obvious in a shorter, 3-year cycle)

The committee agreed that the benefits of a 3-year cycle were important and despite the work involved could be beneficial to the departments and the college.

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