The ACCJC and WASC

- WASC is a corporate entity with three divisions.
- ACCJC is one of three accrediting commissions that comprise WASC. Others are:
  - The Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (ACSCU), and
  - The Accrediting Commission for Schools (ACS).
- ACCJC/WASC operates in the Western Region: California, Hawaii, Palau, Guam, CNMI, FSM, the Marshall Islands, and American Samoa.
The ACCJC’s Standards

- The ACCJC, with other all regional accreditors, periodically upgrades accreditation standards.

- All now require institutions to define intended student learning outcomes and assess learning.

- Colleges are required to provide evidence that they meet standards and achieve their educational missions.

- Institutions must demonstrate they have in place processes for continuous quality improvement.
Emphases Have Changed

In previous decades, accrediting bodies focused a good deal of attention on institutional resources and processes, and took it for granted that good things resulted from good process.

Practices have changed

Accreditors now also ask institutions to determine and evaluate results and outcomes, to discuss those widely within the college, and to show the results to accreditors and, in some cases, the public.
Current Standards were implemented in 2002.
Since then changes have occurred in the institutional environment as well as public expectations.
Commission has contracted Dr. Peter Ewell, VP at the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)
Peter Ewell Issues:

- New Patterns of Student Participation
- New Kinds of Providers
- A Transformed and Contingent Faculty
- New Approaches to Teaching and Learning
- Constrained Resources
- A Global Higher Education System
Commission Hearings:

- March 24, 2012 – Southern California, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Huntington Beach

- June 6, 2012 – Northern California, SFO Marriott Hotel, Burlingame, 9:00 am

- September 2012 – Hawaii and Pacific Islands, Date and Site TBD
Commission Schedule:

- **Draft Standards - 2013**

- *Commission first reading of draft Standards – January 2014*

- *Commission second reading for adoption of revised Standards – June 2014*
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