THE ROAD TO WASC ACCREDITATION



WASC = WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES



WASC asks two questions of us:

- Does Pitzer have the capacity to fulfill its purposes and aspirations?
- Is Pitzer educationally effective?

THE ASSESSMENT CYCLE

Assessment: How We Measure Educational Effectiveness

Establish or refine desired student learning outcomes.

Assess selected learning outcomes.



Achieve better learning outcomes.



Enhance educational experiences.

Inform institutional decision-making.

WASC ACCREDITATION PROCESS

1998
End of Last
Accreditation
Cycle

2006 Institutional Proposal

2008
Capacity and Preparatory Review (CPR)

Educational Effectiveness Review (EER)

2011

Begin Next Accreditation Cycle

20??

WASC Visit March 7-9, 2011

PITZER'S STRATEGY: BROAD-BASED CAMPUS PARTICIPATION

- Field Groups
- Offices and Departments
- Student Clubs and Organizations
- Committees



PITZER'S ACCREDITATION THEMES



WASC Visit March 7-9, 2011

- Theme 1
 Linking the Academic
 with Campus Life
- Theme 2
 Comprehensive
 Academic Program
 Review
- Theme 3
 Connecting the Global and the Local