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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our “NEASC Grab Bag” last Thursday. Over 40 faculty and staff stopped by during the session. Those who came had a chance to hear about the Appraisal work that we are currently finishing up, and also had a chance to give input into that process.

This week we’re highlighting the work being done by NEASC Standard Ten. If you have additional information you think would be useful to the work, or questions about it, contact the chair of that standard directly.

Standard Ten: Public Disclosure (Jaime Hammond, Chair)

Standard 10 examines how the institution presents itself to members of the NVCC community (students, staff, faculty) and the greater community (prospective students, donors, community partners). Overall, we have found that the college does well in presenting information that is accurate and sufficient for intended audiences, especially in our print publications. Our website does provide much of the necessary information as well, and changes are underway to address the other information that is not as well represented.

The most obvious and important appraisal item for Standard 10 is certainly the website. For several months, the college has been directly addressing solutions to navigation issues and omitted information. It is paramount that these changes not only be made swiftly, but that a systematic process of periodic review is established to maintain currency and accuracy. The catalog, another very important item for appraisal, has recently gone through such a review. This type of comprehensive assessment and reform is indicative of institutional effectiveness in public disclosure.

This has been a difficult standard to evaluate due to the multiple platforms of communication and the speed with which changes are made. The Standard 10 committee, comprised of Allison Egan, Toni Rinaldi, Kathy LeBlanc, Angela Tiru, Helena Carrasquillo, Walt Lippincott, and Eleni Saltourides have worked diligently to locate necessary information. We would also like to thank Dan Wallace, Conal Larkin, Stacey Williams, Terry Brown, and the many other individuals who have provided additional information and support.

Sincerely,

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Your NEASC Co-chairs