7. Continuing Education/Professional Development

A. What continuing education and/or professional development activities have program/unit members attended during the current cycle?

The Full-time Faculty in the English department have completed the following Professional Development Activities:

- California Acceleration Project Conference (September and June 2015)
- Curriculum Institute (July 2015)
- Regional Non-Credit Meeting (2015)
- Held weekly grammar and composition workshops for students. (Spring 2015)
- BCC Leadership Academy (September 2014-May 2015)
- Attended conference: increasing Student Completion Through Accelerated English & Math in Moreno Valley, CA (Mar. 4, 2015)
- Led Roundtable presentation and presented academic paper at Southwest Pop Culture Conference in Albuquerque (February 2015)
- Attended a National Student Leadership Diversity Presentation with our Student Government members at Los Angeles Valley College (Nov. 5, 2014).
- Attended the CB21 conference in Anaheim for Basic Skills (September 20, 2014)
- AB86 Summit meeting in Sacramento (September 2014)
- Member Language Learning and Technology Journal
- Run a website to help students with handouts and other materials (mistera.co.nf)
- Presentation on our Accelerated Program at one of our Best Practice meetings.
- Organized Black History Month Events
- Organized Women’s History Month Events
- Organized Native American history Month Events
- Organized Poetry Month Event and workshops

Our part-time faculty professional development activities include the following:

- Committees:
  - 02/26/13 – Present: Various UOP Scholarship Selection Committees
  - 04/01/10 – 07/01/13: Dissertation Committees
  - 06/01/12 – 06/14/13: ELAC Committee Member at Great Oak High School
- Professional Blog writing from Feb. 2015 - Present: Critical Thinking: Thoughtful Living
- @ One's project for California Community College Faculty: Online Teaching Certification Program completion 5
- Professional Presentation: Multimedia Feedback in the Online Classroom, at a Faculty Conference in Arizona, June 2015.
- Using Knowledge Check, course certification, August 13, 2014
- New Classroom Tips and Strategies, course certification, January 08, 2015
- Using VitalSource to your Advantage, course certification, June 2015
- Positive Psychology, course certification September 2015
- Scholarly Publication in 2013 Journal of Diversity Management. 8(2).

B. How did this benefit your department and the College?
As the President of our college said at the in-service “If faculty are out and about and participating in activities...the campus will get better.” The professional development activities of our department contribute to this betterment, benefitting the college, including students, by
-keeping faculty up to date in their disciplines
-enriching college campus and student life through campus activities
-providing professional networking opportunities between colleges and members of statewide programs (such as CAP)
-encouraging the development and redevelopment of curriculum, improvements to current class offerings

C. What are the plans for continuing education and/or professional development in the upcoming cycle?

The faculty members will continue to attend conferences and summits, support and organize activities for students and the campus more generally, continue to develop curriculum to serve our students, as well as work on the accelerated classes.