1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses into disciplines

English Department for modifying ENGL 68 to become a basic skills course and successfully applying for a Basic Skills Transformation Grant to explore new methods of teaching pre-collegiate writing skills (chair, Margie Whalen)

2. Degree and certificate requirements

Math Department for its work to increase degree completion and transfer by submitting MATH 110 for C-ID alignment and developing articulation agreements for Statway courses (chair, Art Nitta)

3. Grading policies

<No award for 2016>

4. Education program development

Radiologic Technology program for the creation of new certificates in computed tomography and mammography (Chair, Monique Neel)

Associated Students for advocacy to explore course and program offerings in Ethnic and Gender Studies

5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success

LGBT Task Force for significant work to support the well-being and success of the LGBT student population (Chair, Jeff Archibald)

Noncredit Division for creating a model noncredit Student Success and Support Program and using the shared governance process for input and approval (Dean, Madelyn Arballo)

6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles

Educational Design Committee for increasing the transparency of the curriculum process through regular reports to divisions (Chairs, Michelle Sampat and Joumana McGowan)

7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation

Kristina Allende (Faculty Accreditation Coordinator) for synthesizing the writing team reports into an initial self-study draft and soliciting faculty feedback on the draft

8. Policies for faculty professional development activities

Lianne Greenlee for providing strong support and maintaining continuity in Professional and Organizational Development

LeAnn Garrett (Library) for preparing an excellent and effective request for teaching and learning faculty professional development funds from the Equity Plan.

9. Processes for program review <no award for 2016>

10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development

Institutional Effectiveness Committee for integrating the timeline for budget development and program review (Chair, Irene Malmgren)

11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the Academic Senate

Kamran Golestaneh (Chemistry) for leading Mt. SAC's first Greenhouse Gas Inventory and working to involve students in sustainability efforts on campus

Distance Learning Committee for creating a thorough and inclusive process to vet and recommend the Canvas LMS (Chair, Mary Johnson)