VERIFICATION TEAM REPORT  
Political Science Program  
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A. Political Science Program Review
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B. Statement of Completion:
The Political Science Program Evaluation and Planning Report is nearly complete. The SLOs remain to be done. The Social Science Division is currently working on the Division’s SLOs. The Political Science Program’s SLOs will be done after the Division’s SLOs are completed.

C. Strengths of the Program
   1. This Program has highly qualified, innovative, and hard working faculty who are dedicated to student success.
   2. The Political Science Program meets the needs of nearly 500 students a semester.
   3. The faculty serves as a resource for students who participate in student government.
   4. Strong connections to the community.
   5. The Program brings speakers to the campus such as Senator Mike Thompson.
   6. The Program serves transfer students majoring in Political Science.
   7. Political Science professors add a voice of balance and reason to the important discussion about diversity on our campus.

D. Areas for Program Improvement
   1. In a Program with only 2.5 full time positions, one full time Political Science professor has retired and has not been replaced. This has caused a hardship for staffing classes and has resulted in lowered student enrollment in Political Science classes. To maintain its strength, the Political Science Program needs to replace the retired professor.
   2. Complete Course-level SLO’s.
   3. Two course outlines need to be revised, and when the SLO’s are complete other courses will no doubt need revision to include the SLO’s.
   4. Improve audio visual equipment in the classrooms.
   5. The faculty needs funds to attend conferences.

E. Summary of the Verification Team
The Political Science Program provides a vital component of an undergraduate education, teaching students about the complexities of government. Students transfer political science units to colleges and universities throughout California and to other states. The Program needs funding to enhance technology in classrooms, and to keep current on maps and program specific DVD’s.