

Criterion Committee 2: Preparing for the Future
Meeting Minutes September 21, 2006
Howard Hall 212, 2:00 pm

Members Present: Gary Johnson, Sue Wright, Darcy Vandergrift, Sally Beisser, Paul Morris, Susan Ladd, Amy Zsenai, Ronald Troyer, Joe Lenz.

Introduction of New Members: Three new members were welcomed to the committee: Darcy Vandergrift (Assistant Professor, Culture & Society), Amy Zsenai, student (CBPA), and Rhea Ann Frost (Business & Finance), who could not attend today. They replace Nita Pandit, Kristi Bowman, and Steve Perkins.

Overview of the Year Ahead: Ron Troyer provided a brief summary of the tasks that remain to accomplish, prior to the HLC accreditation visit in February 2008. As the intent is to write the report during summer 2007, the various criterion committees need to complete their assembly of resources by May, 2007. For Criterion 2, the tasks include a review of the evidence to support the University's claim that it is prepared for the future, preparation for the writing of the report itself, and finalizing the framework for environmental scanning, as a step toward the 2007 Summer Futures Conference and the development of Strategic Program Initiatives. The remainder of the meeting was given over to outlining, briefly, these tasks. (See below)

Meeting Dates for the Semester: Please reserve these dates on your calendar for meetings this semester: October 5, October 12, November 2, November 30, December 7, December 14. Ron advised the committee that he would be out of town on November 2 and 30, and that Joe Lenz, as vice-chair, will convene the meetings in his stead. Remarkably, no one left the room.

Review of Evidence: Sue Wright distributed the list of evidence, compiled last spring, that is available to support the components of Criterion 2, but noted that further work needed to be done to ensure that the list was complete and comprehensive. She suggested that the committee may want to work in groups, one per component, to accomplish the task.

Draft Statements on Components: Joe Lenz distributed drafts of introductory paragraphs about each component, written, in part, to imagine what the final report may look like. The paragraphs are intended to emphasize selected highlights of how the University realizes each of the components, and they are keyed to evidence. These will be discussed at a later meeting.

Environmental Scanning & White Paper: Ron explained the new planning structure, and the need to do environmental scanning to advance the strategic planning initiative announced by the President at the convocation. He distributed a draft of a plan and timetable to frame the scanning and submission of white papers for the summer futures conference. The group will discuss and finalize the plan at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2:00, Old Main Conference Room 208