

Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee Notes
April 14, 2005 - 8:30 am – Old Main Conference Room

Attending: Ronald Troyer, Chair; Sentwali Bakari, Klaus Bartschat, Lon Larson, David Maxwell, Paul Morris, Lou Ann Simpson, Vicky Payseur, Sue Wright

- 1. Higher Learning Commission Report:** Ron and Sue reported on issues from the Higher Learning Commission
 - A. Ron reported:
 1. The Reauthorization Act is again posing some possibilities that if passed will present the University with a real challenge.
 - a. Tuition Index: There is a possibility that tuitions at institutions will be indexed in a way that will publicly represent tuition increases in a comparative index.
 - b. Transparency will be an issue – with a potential of making public all accreditation reports.
 - c. Distance learning accreditation will be a difficult issue
 - d. Unit records (individual student records) may be mandated that would track students from kindergarten through completion of their education.
 2. Some schools have filed suits against accreditation commissions over the accreditation reports.
 - B. Sue reported:
 1. Expectations for the new criteria are becoming clearer
 2. Assessment of student learning is at center of all accreditation areas. Must be able to demonstrate learning outcomes of almost all activities. This is evident in the draft reformulation of expectations for faculty credentials. The draft indicates that the most important criterion for qualified faculty will be production of desired learning outcomes.
 3. A sample report (Miami of Ohio) is available. It is not perfect, but does offer some sense of how to address reports.
- 2. Drake University: Vision 2025:** David Maxwell discussed the Vision 2025 statement with the group.
 - A.** The President clarified the purpose of the statement and the fact that facilities need to be addressed.
 - B.** A preamble will be added to provide assumptions and purpose.
 - C.** Extensive discussion resulted in a number of suggestions for change.

Scheduled Meetings

No additional meetings currently are scheduled. I will send out a list of summer meetings.