

Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee Notes
August 26, 2004 - 8:30 am – Old Main Conference Room

Attending: Ronald Troyer, Chair; Sentwali Bakari, Jean Berger, John Burney, Rod Henshaw, Lon Larson, David Maxwell, Paul Morris, Vicky Payseur, Lou Ann Simpson, Sue Wright

1. Committees:

- A. The final committee list was distributed (see attached)
- B. Committee Chairs reviewed the status of their committee plans. All have scheduled or are in the process of scheduling meetings

2. Committee Member Orientation Event:

- A. It was decided to hold a lunch and orientation for all committee members to ensure that there is some shared understanding of the nature of the self-study and of its importance to the University.
- B. It will be Friday, September 10th, from noon to 2:00 pm in Levitt Hall.

3. Mission Explication:

- A. David Maxwell, Ron Troyer and John Burney have completed the draft of the Mission Explication. They indicated that the conversations about the meaning of various parts of the mission statement and of what it will take to make these things happen had been very positive. This explication will have implications for revision of the Strategic Plan.
- B. The document will be distributed to the Steering Committee and to SAC in the next few days. It will be discussed at the SAC meeting on Tuesday. After that it will go to Faculty and Student Senates, All-Staff Council, and to open fora for discussion. It will go to the Board of Trustees for the October meeting.

4. Taking the conversation to the campus

- A. Reports on Meetings Held
 - 1. Ron Troyer and John Burney met with Wanda Everage's Academic Support staff this summer. They did the WASC Accreditor presentation and a brief version of the Mission Discussion from the Retreat. The staff really appreciated being included and responded well to the activities.
 - 2. John Burney held a meeting/workshop for Arts and Sciences faculty on the Thursday before classes started. At that meeting he asked faculty to identify their biggest questions/problems related to accreditation and assessment. These were discussed. Faculty from each program also were asked to identify one program outcome and to elaborate on that. The session went very well and seemed to engage the faculty and to alleviate some concerns.
- B. Additional Fora
 - 1. Sue Wright indicated that she had a session scheduled with approximately 60 data providers to discuss changes that would be occurring as we move toward a Culture of Evidence.
 - 2. We need to schedule additional fora in late September. Sue will develop possible formats for the fora.
 - 3. David Maxwell discussed plans for the Fall Convocation. He will focus on the "Next Big Thing" at Drake. Some attention will be accorded to the Self Study.

Scheduled Meetings

All meetings are 8:30-10:00 am. Meetings will be held in the Old Main Conference Room:

September 9
September 23
October 7
October 21
November 4
November 18
December 2