

Student Satisfaction Survey to be Given Last Week of March
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From March 24 to 29, students enrolled in all undergraduate courses will be given the opportunity to participate in a Student Satisfaction Survey. This survey is in preparation for a routine comprehensive visit by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Accreditation Association in 2010-2011 academic year.

The survey consists of 85 questions that students will respond to using a standard scantron. Students will be asked to supply their student identification number to verify that they are currently enrolled and to ensure that they will only fill the survey out once during the week. The survey should be completed in less than twenty minutes and will have three open ended questions about such topics as what a student likes about the campus, what new degrees or courses should be considered and what they believe the campus excels in. A survey similar to this one, was last offered in the late 1990's in preparation for the 2001 Higher Learning Commission visit.

Questions will seek student levels of satisfaction about such issues as student activities, adequacy of parking, food quality in the cafeteria, and perceptions of safety and overall instruction. These questions have come from various groups on campus including Student Government. If a question is asked that a student has no first hand experience of – such as the Sitter Service – then they are encouraged to either leave the question blank or answer “E” for No Opinion. Instructions will be supplied with each survey.

Instructors are being asked to offer the survey to students at each class meeting during the last week of March. Most students will complete the survey during the first class meeting of the week. However, it should be continued to be offered so that those not in attendance the first time will have ample opportunity to give their opinion. Students should only fill out the survey once during the week and, preferably, in their first class of the week. Students that take classes only on-line will be offered an on-line version of the survey. Students that will not be in class during that week and wish to participate in the survey should contact Dr. Duttlinger (X5217) to arrange a time to take the survey. Students enrolled in graduate courses will have a similar survey offered to them in mid April.

Purdue North Central has had a long and harmonious relationship with the Higher Learning Commission that dates back to the early 1970's. The campus is in good standing with the Commission and the planned comprehensive visit is a routine part of the accreditation process. Currently, the exact dates of the visit are not known. This information will be announced during the Fall 2008 semester.

If anyone has any specific concerns about the survey or about its implementation, please contact Dr. Duttlinger, Director of Accreditation and Assessment.