

HLC Update

As of today, there are 201 days before the Visiting Team from the Higher Learning Commission arrives at PNC. The visit will be the culmination of literally years of work by the Self Study committee and its many subcommittees. The substance of this work is shown in the Self Study. The drafts of the chapters for the Self Study have been distributed to all employees through *Tuesday Tidbits*.

Date	Material Distributed
September 14	Introduction, Criteria 1 and 5
September 21	Criteria 3 and 4
September 28	Criterion 2 Challenge Chapter Change request for Bachelors to Masters level Change request for Online Degree offering

All employees are encouraged to read over the drafts and send your comments to Linda Duttlinger (dutt@pnc.edu) the Director of Accreditation and Assessment. Faculty are particularly encouraged to review Chapters 3 and 4 since they are directly related to teaching and research.

What happens next?

The draft of the Self Study will be sent to an HLC recommended consultant in the first week of October. Dr. Timothy Schibik is the Assistant Dean of the College of Business at Southern Indiana University and a seasoned HLC consultant evaluator. He has agreed to review the material and send his comments back within a month. At this time, the final draft will be assembled with all changes taken into consideration.

The Self Study will be completed by February 1, 2011 and copies made both in hard copy and electronically. The material will then be sent to the Self Study Team in preparation of their visit.

Timeline Summary

October 4	Send Draft copy of the Self Study to Dr. Schibik
October 11	Receive the names of the HLC Visiting team
November 8	Receive Dr. Schibik's comments for consideration
February 1	Final draft of the Self Study is ready for duplication
April 18	Visiting Team arrives for a three day visit

Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed to Dr. Duttlinger.

(and thanks!)