

Tuesday Tidbits

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

How has the campus changed since 2001? Everyone knows we have a lot more students and degrees but what are the numbers?

Glad you asked! I just happened to have all those numbers at my finger tips. Enjoy!

Students

In 2001, we reported a fall 2000 enrollment of 3,416.
Our current headcount for fall 2009 is 4,463.
That is an increase of 30.6%.

(Additional 2009 data are from our annual report to the HLC. That is submitted every spring. The numbers are actually from fall 2008 which was submitted in April 2009.)

Full Time Faculty

In 2001, we reported the number of full time faculty as 92.
In 2009, we reported the number of full time faculty as 114.
That is an increase of 23.9%.

Part Time Faculty

In 2001, we reported the number of part time faculty as 142.
In 2009, we reported the number of part time faculty as 182.
That is an increase of 28.1%.

All Instructional Staff

In 2001, we reported all full and part time instructional staff was 234.
In 2009, we reported all full and part time instructional staff is 296.
That is an increase of 26.4%.

Bachelors Programs

In 2001, we reported our total number of bachelors programs was 6.
In 2009, we reported our total number of bachelors programs is 17.
That is an increase of 183.3%.

Masters Programs

In 2001, we offered one masters degree.
In 2009, we offered two masters degrees.
That is an increase of 100%.

I thought we had 18 bachelor's degree programs not 17. What happened?

We DO have 18 ... now. But when we submitted the annual data to HLC in April 2009, we only had 17. In April of 2010 we'll correct it to 18 (or maybe more!)

How are the numbers calculated? I know with faculty we get into a huge discussion about people on sabbatical, early partial retirement etc. Students can also be counted several different ways.

The numbers are reported every year to IPEDS. IPEDS is a federally defined set of data that all institutions of higher education have to follow. We don't have much choice on that. Those numbers are sent to HLC in our annual report. We may not like them - or we may be tickled pink – but they are what they are.

Just out of curiosity, where did the 2001 data come from?

In 2001 we were required by HLC to compile, as a part of our Self Study, the Basic Institutional Data Report or BID's. Copies of the BID's from the 2001 visit and previous visits are kept for campus records. Let me know if you want to take a look at any of those. In 2011 we will have a similar part of our self study now called the "Campus Snapshot" that does the same thing and has many of the same data reference points. We will report data from the 2010, 2009 and 2008 fall semesters.

When is the visit?

579 days from today – September 15, 2009. The HLC Team arrives on April 18, 2011.

Everything is going fine!
It's OUR visit in five-seven-nine!

Tuesday Tidbits is a way to provide information about the upcoming accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission to the Purdue North Central Campus. Since the visiting team is interested in ALL aspects of the campus and its operation, this is being sent to all employees. If you have any questions about the accreditation process, or ideas for future Tidbits, please let me know.

Thanks!

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