

Tuesday Tidbits
Tuesday, January 4, 2011
HAPPY SELF STUDY AND
A MERRY VISIT TO YOU TOO!

Quiz Question: In which category of student achievement in the last eight years, does PUCAL have a 19.5% increase, IPFW have a 25.8% increase and PNC have a 93.4% increase? Please answer in full sentences noting that points will be deducted for grammar and spelling.

That whopping percentage of 93.4% is the increase in the number of bachelor degrees awarded to our students since 2001!!! In 2001-02 we conferred 251 associate degrees and 169 bachelor degrees. In 2008-09, eight years later, we conferred 190 associate degrees and 322 bachelor degrees (high point of 325 in 2007!). When all the numbers are calculated and a percentage figured, PNC went up by 93.4% in bachelor's degrees and went down 27% in associate degrees.

Not only does this explain the relative length of our commencement exercises and the increase of black gowns versus gray gowns in the processional, it also means that all the efforts that went into getting us more bachelor degree offerings on campus HAS WORKED !! Our students are coming, staying and graduating! And that was the whole idea in the first place and the main reason we're even here.

Due to the weather, this may not justify wild dancing in the parking lot but it is at least worth a warm smile and a pat on the back to all concerned.

(That answer is worth an "A" but is reduced to a "B+" because of multiple exclamation points. You were warned about the grammar part. Sigh!)

So ... How's the Self Study coming?

Criterion One has been read, reread, reread, polished, edited and read again and is now in the safe hands of Maria Watson and Karen Prescott and will soon be with Dana Krill. Criterion Two has been read, reread and polished and is in the pipeline to be edited after it is read by our VCAA. Criterion Three is being polished. Criterion Four is also in the polishing stages. Criterion Five is in a stage of reorganization and Phyllis Dranger and I are taking all the good work of a whole lot of people and arranging topics so that it makes sense to someone who is not from around here.

Anything else?

Yes, Carol Connelly is writing copy for the Third Party Comment notices that will be going into the local papers, on our web page and, perhaps, attached to party balloons and floated off on the lake effect snow currents. Jan Hanchar is finding numbers for us to fill

in the blanks in the Self Study chapters and innocent bystanders – Dave Pratt, George Asteriadis, Cindy Roberts etc., are writing, reading and even reconsidering entire topics. Whew!!!

And, what can I do besides stay out of the way?

First, go to the campus web page, look in the directory and check your title. Is it who you think you are? If it isn't, contact Jan Hanchar in HR. She knows about these things.

Second, look at the bulletin boards in your area. Are they up to date? Reasonably? How many square feet are covered with ragged, yellowed jokes and handouts that ask if computers will crash when the decade changes? How about something new and thought provoking before April 18! (All right, at least new.)

Third, keep looking for your name tag! You've had it before. It's around here somewhere. Whenever a student tells me they lost their textbook, homework, jump drive etc. I tell them to look in two places – under the spare tire in their car and under their bed at home. It never ceases to amaze me how often I'm right.

Fourth, in the same line of thinking – clean up your room!! Company's coming!

What else do I need to know?

1. HLC will, hopefully, tell us who will be on our HLC Visiting Team by February 14.
2. When the Self Study is completed, it will be available to everyone and you will be encouraged to read it to your family and friends.

Poetry please ...

All is fine for you and me, and
The Team will be here in 1-0-3!

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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