

**Tuesday Tidbits**  
**Tuesday, November 3, 2009**

***Back in early 2008 the campus got all excited about writing a new Strategic Plan. Many people worked on it and there were subcommittees and Town Hall meetings and all kinds of interest. Is that connected to the HLC Self Study?***

Glad you asked! Absolutely! The Strategic Plan that was written in 2008 is in place and is directly related to many parts of the Self Study. There is a document called "Comparison of the Strategic Plan of Purdue University North Central and the Criteria or Accreditation of the Higher Learning Commission" IRR 08-04 that is on the Shared Drive "S:" under Campus Documents. Feel free to check it out for all the connections.

***Such as? I know the mission was part of the Strategic Plan. Does the HLC care about that?***

Yes. The mission of an institution is mentioned throughout the Criteria for Accreditation and is a major component to Criteria One – Mission and Integrity. The Strategic Plan that was written in 2008 gave our campus an opportunity to update and rewrite our mission. The HLC refers to mission documents instead of just a mission statement. So, our Mission Documents would include such things as a mission statement, our values, and our vision. These are all written in the Strategic Plan.

***What else is in the plan that helps with the Self Study?***

The Strategic Plan has four Core Areas. Just to refresh everyone's memory, they are:

- Student Access and Success
- Communication and Collaboration
- Community Involvement
- Resources

Each Core Area has a set of goals. Then there are sets of Assessment Tools and Strategies for each Core Area. These goals and strategies are used throughout the Criteria in the Self Study to show that the campus is involved in all these various areas.

***Would the Strategic Plan Core Area – Community Involvement – relate to Criteria Five - Engagement and Service? Seems like a natural fit!***

Right! The Criteria with the many Core Components and Examples of Evidence give us the framework for our Self Study. The Strategic Plan gives us evidence of interest and involvement in all those areas and different parts of the Plan are mentioned throughout the document.

Right now, the Criteria Committees are matching the Strategic Plan to the Criteria. The IRR document mentioned earlier is a place to start but certainly not the last place to end. We will probably make some mid course corrections in the Strategic Plan and those changes also need to be mentioned in the Self Study.

**And, if a loyal employee wanted to re-read the Strategic Plan, where would one look?**

Right here: <http://www.pnc.edu/strategicplan>

Since this is OUR plan it is well worth re-reading and thinking about.

***When is our visit?***

530 days from today – Nov. 3, 2009. The HLC Team arrives on April 18, 2011.

In 530 days from today

The Team will be here and we'll say HURRAY!!

*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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