

Tuesday Tidbits
February 10, 2009

I know we are counting down days until the Visiting Team gets here. Is there a general Timeline for what has to get done before they arrive?

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) supplies us with a proposed Timeline that we modify to help us plan the visit. In general, here it is.

April 2008 3 Years Out PNC formed the Self Study Team to begin the process of compiling information for the Self Study and address the various criteria, core components and examples of evidence. Our first meeting was in late March, 2008 and the committee has been meeting monthly since then (okay, we took summer off).

January 2009 2- 2 ½ Years Out We received our visit dates. April 18-20, 2011

April 2009 2 Years Out We submit an outline of our Self Study and request permission to submit a change from BA/BS institution to a MA/MS institution.

October 2009 1 ½ Years Out We tell the HLC what expertise we want or need in the consultant evaluators that will be coming for our visit. We will also be holding Town Hall meetings for the campus community on the various Criteria.

April 2010 1 Year to go! We finish up the rough draft of the Self Study and we all read what each other said. Some drafts are rougher than others!

October 2010 6 months to go HLC sends us the names of our Visiting Team members. We send notices to local newspapers, web sites etc. to inform the general public that we are having a visit. This is required by the HLC and the notice also tells the readers how to submit comments about us and our work. This is called Third Party Comments.

January 2011 3 months to go The Chair of the Visiting team is invited to come to the campus for a pre-visit. This helps smooth the actual visit and is a good thing! The pre-visit for the 2001 visit was exceptional and a real plus!

February 2011 2 months to go The Self Study Report is finished, duplicated and sent to the HLC office in Chicago and to all the Visiting team members. Copies are available to the campus community. Read! Enjoy! Laugh at the typos!

The Visit!

April 16 -17	Team members arrive at the South Bend Airport
Sunday, April 17	The Chancellor hosts a small welcoming dinner for the team
Monday, April 18	Team spends the entire day on campus
Tuesday, April 19	Team spends the entire day on campus
Wednesday, April 20	Team gives its preliminary findings and leaves at noon

June 1, 2011 First draft of the Team's final report is sent to PNC for any corrections in fact. One we fixed last time had to do with the abbreviation VU. The team listed it as Vincennes University, we corrected it to Valparaiso University.

July 1, 2011 Final official report is sent to PNC by the HLC office

... and we all live happily ever after!

July 2, 2011 Countdown begins for the next Comprehensive Visit

Any good ways to keep track of the time?

Yes! Use this website and add it to your favorites. (Thanks! Prof. Pratt)

<http://www.pnc.edu/assessment/countdown.htm>

The time will come and the days will go
Some work is fast and some work is slow.
When the Team gets here, we'll give a cheer!
And all our work, we'll show!

796 days from today – February 10, 2009

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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