

**Tuesday Tidbits**  
**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

<p><b>CRITERION TWO</b> <b>Preparing for the Future</b></p>
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***What is Criterion Two and how does it apply to PNC?***

Criterion Two is Preparing for the Future. The Criterion statement is:

*PNC's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education and respond to future challenges and opportunities.*

***So, what exactly do we have to do?***

We need to show that our allocation of resources (human, physical and financial) and our processes (schedules, policies and procedures etc.) are capable of fulfilling our mission (strategic plan) improve our quality of education and respond to future challenges.

***What else is included?***

The Core Components are:

2A PNC realistically prepares for a future shaped by multiple societal and economic trends. This component looks at all our planning documents. Our biggest and best document here is the Strategic Plan. If you don't have your copy right at your fingertips try this: <http://www.pnc.edu/strategicplan>.

2B PNC's resource base supports its educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future. This area looks at resources in two very key areas – human and financial. It also asks history questions – one in the area of financial resource development and investment and the second asking if we have a history of meeting our planning goals.

2C PNC's ongoing evaluation and assessment processes provide reliable evidence of institutional effectiveness that clearly informs strategies for continuous improvement. Remember a few inches ago when the Criterion Two statement had the words “improve the quality of education”? Well, this is where we answer that. Here we report how we monitor academic programs, work for continuous improvement in all areas and tell about our periodic reviews. We also discuss how PNC supports our assessment processes.

2D All levels of planning align with the organization's mission, thereby enhancing its capacity to fulfill that mission. Back to the mission statement. When you review the strategic plan, you will note that we have mission, vision and values all at the beginning. Are we limited to just the mission statement? No, the correct term from the HLC point of view is "mission documents" with a plural. All of the Strategic plan could be included. We will probably use the Mission Statement, Vision and Values material. The Preamble and Introduction are also locations of material that support our case that we meet this core component.

***Criterion Two appears to cover material that we have in the Strategic Plan. Are there other documents we need to have ready?***

Yes! We need the previous Strategic Plan to show that we can meet our goals once we establish them. We will also show our financial material and how the budget supports the academic program. Policies and procedures are very important for this criterion.

**Criterion Two Campus Community Meeting is on Friday, March 5,  
noon to 1:00  
TECH 134. All are welcome!**

***When is our visit?***

411 days from today – March 2, 2010. The HLC Team arrives on April 18, 2011.

*It isn't eight, it isn't seven.  
They'll be here in four-eleven.*

*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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