

**Tuesday Tidbits**  
**March 24, 2009**

***What do all the terms mean that I keep hearing whenever accreditation is discussed?***

Here are some of the more popular jiggles of jargon that get people confused:

Self Study: A Self Study is a document – last one was over 190 pages long – that presents the campus in light of the Criteria supplied by the HLC. The Self Study is the heart of the comprehensive visit and is prepared by a local committee from the institution.

Criteria: The HLC has five criteria that is broken down into a total of twenty- two core components. Under each Core Component is a list of Examples of Evidence that can be used to show how the campus meets the requirement. Each institution is required to address every Core Component.

Team Visit: The HLC assigns a Visiting Team to go to an institution for a three day visit to review the Self Study and see if the institution meets the requirements of accreditation.

Statement of Affiliation: This is a standardized form every institution receives that indicates their status with the accrediting body. It lists any stipulations or sanctions and at what level the institution is accredited. PNC's current status of affiliation lists us as a Bachelor's granting institution and has no stipulations that would limit our accredited status.

***Who are the people behind the titles?***

Staff Liaison: Dr. Robert Appleson of the Higher Learning Commission is our liaison.

Consultant Evaluators: This is the collective name given to everyone that serves as an evaluator for the HLC and comes to the institutions during a visit.

NCA Team: This is the name of the HLC group that comes to the campus.

Self Study Team: This is the campus committee that meets to research and write the Self Study. Usually various sub committees are formed to work with the different components in the Self Study and prepare for the comprehensive visit. This group is also called a Self Study Steering Committee.

Chair of the Assessment Steering Committee: Assessment is a BIG DEAL in HLC accreditation and this faculty committee coordinates the many facets of assessment. The current chair is David Pratt. He is also the leader of the PNC group that attended the Academy of Student Learning.

Chair of the General Education Committee: General Education is another BIG DEAL in HLC accreditation. The current chair is Paul Hecht.

Self Study Coordinator: The lucky person that gets to organize and encourage those on the Self Study Team to research and write an exceptional Self Study for the comprehensive visit. This is currently Linda Duttlinger.

Hope this helps!

### ***When is the visit?***

754 days from today – March 24, 2009

In 754, no less and no more,  
The Team will be here  
And we'll all give a cheer  
When they happily walk through our door!

*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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