



Reaccreditation

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Endless Possibilities

From the Chair

It's hard to believe that we have completed one full year of self-study preparation. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all that have been involved in the early stages of the re-accreditation process at DACC over the past 12 months. We now know when the evaluation visit will occur – April 27 – April 29, 2009. Though these dates seem far off in the future, I challenge everyone involved in organizing this self-study effort to stay focused and to ready yourselves for a very active year.



Accreditation is extremely important as it enables the College to offer federal financial aid and makes our credits transferable to most four-year institutions. Without accreditation, DACC would cease to exist as we know it today. When we began this process one year ago, we entered into a phase and discovery and data collection. Though tedious and sometimes unclear as to what road or path to take, many have gained a new appreciation for Danville Area Community College. It is the journey not the end product (self-study report) that will make the staff and the institution itself stronger as a result of this re-accreditation effort. Keep that in mind as we start year 2.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this important cause.

Randy Fletcher
Self-Study Coordinator

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Higher Learning Commission (HLC) 111th Annual Meeting Highlights Chicago - April 2007

As the spring flowers began to bud and warm breezes replaced winter's cold clutches, a group of HLC Steering Committee members attended the Higher Learning Commission annual meeting held in Chicago. With great eagerness, we attended the conference, with our eyes set on five major objectives. First was learning in more detail about the self-study process as we attended the Self-Study Pre-Conference Workshop, second was the continued pursuit of new and innovative assessment design measuring student learning in and outside of the classroom. Third was a face-to face meeting with our Higher Learning Commission Staff Liaison, Robert Appleson; and fourth, reviewing Self-Study reports written to the new criteria. And finally, the group wanted to talk to and interact with all colleges and universities as they journeyed through their self-study process. The DACC HLC Steering Committee members who attended the annual meeting were Jane Brown, Janet Redenbaugh, Belinda Russell, Penny McConnell, Kristen Dallavis, and Randy Fletcher.



HLC 2007 Annual Meeting Attendees: Jane Brown, Dr. Belinda Dalton-Russell, Kristen Dallavis, Dr. Penny McConnell, Randy Fletcher, and Janet Redenbaugh.

Criteria Cross-Cutting Themes

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) demonstrates that it values the four themes or orientation to the future, focus on learning, connectedness (internally and externally), and distinctiveness.

- **The future-oriented organization** – engages in planning, is driven by the mission, understands social and economic change, focuses on the futures of constituents, and integrates new technology.
- **The learning-focused organization** – assesses student learning, supports learning, supports scholarship, creates the capacity for lifelong learning, and strengthens organizational learning.
- **The connected organization** – serves the common good, serves constituents, creates a culture of service, collaborates, and engages in healthy internal communication.
- **The distinctive organization** – has an unambiguous mission, appreciates diversity, is accountable, is self-reflective, and is committed to improvement.

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Calendar of Events

August 15, 2007

DACC Fall In-Service HLC Session
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Vermilion Hall, Room 306

April 27-29, 2009

HLC Accreditation Team Visit to DACC

***"One faces the future with
one's past."***

~Pearl S. Buck

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Self Study Teams

We encourage DACC faculty and staff to discuss your thoughts and ideas with any of the Self Study Organization team members. Your input throughout the self-study process is valuable!

Also, be sure to check out DACC's Self Study web page where you can find meeting minutes:

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