From the Leadership Team...

You’ve heard it before – it’s in the mail. This time it really is. The self-study report was mailed to our visiting team members and to our liaison at the Higher Learning Commission, Dr. Appleson, on March 16. We thank all of you for the time, energy, and thought you put into this document. We would especially like to thank Linda Shreeves in Graphics, who printed the self-study, and Brad and Jim in Campus Services, who put the packages in the mail. We would have appreciated their efforts at any time, but this was the day before the NJCAA tournament started, and we all know how busy they are at that time.

This self-study report represents DACC’s formal application for continued accreditation. Following its three-day visit to campus April 27-29, the Consultant-Evaluator Team will summarize its findings in a written Team Report. This report will assess whether or not DACC has satisfied the General Institution Requirements and the five Criteria, will offer advice and suggestions for improvement, and will conclude with a formal recommendation for accreditation action.

Printed copies of the self-study report will be sent soon to everyone who served on a team, but no one needs to wait for a hard copy to arrive to begin reading. The final document is loaded on the Self-Study webpage. Just go to the DACC homepage, click on HLC Self-Study, and go to “Self Study Report” (lower right-hand corner). Sit back and enjoy. Yes, we as an institution can improve in many areas, but we have much to celebrate. While you’re on the self-study page, be sure to click on “Links” and view Commercial 1 and Commercial 2. They’re even funnier the second, third, fourth time around.

It has been an honor working with all of you on this very worthy project. We are looking forward to the team visit, and we hope you are, too.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Brown
Maggie Hoover
Dr. Penny McConnell
Self-Study Leadership Team

Calendar of Events

April 27-29, 2009
HLC Accreditation Team Visit to DACC

If you missed the Self-Study commercials that were debuted at the January In-service, please go to www.dacc.edu/selfstudy and click on Links to view.

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Higher Learning Commission Team Expected on April 27, 2009

A team of six HLC Consultant-Evaluators (administrators and faculty from colleges and universities across the U.S.) will visit DACC from April 27-29. While on campus the HLC Team will work out of Vermilion Hall 302, which will be converted into the “HLC Resource Room.” During their three-day visit, the team members will meet with faculty, staff, administration, students, board members, community members, and specific committees and individuals as necessary. The schedule will be posted to the self-study web page as soon as it is available.

Meet the HLC Evaluation Team:

Dr. David H. Devier, Team Chair  
Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs  
Clark State Community College, Springfield, OH

Ms. Mary Therese (Mimi) Elwell  
Mathematics Professor  
Lake Michigan College  
Benton Harbor, MI

Dr. Felix Aquino  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, OK

Dr. Kathleen L. Nelson  
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Lake Superior College, Duluth MN

Dr. Barbara A. Bollmann  
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Front Range Community College, Longmont, CO

Mr. Brett Pfingston  
Director of Instructional Technology  
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Bloomington, IN

The Criteria for Accreditation

Criterion 1: Mission and Integrity  
Dr. Penny McConnell, Chair  
Alan Thompson, Vice-Chair

Criterion 2: Preparing for the Future  
Janet Redenbaugh, Chair  
Debbie Knight, Vice-Chair

Criterion 3: Student Learning and Effective Teaching  
Jane Brown, Chair  
Brian Fink, Vice-Chair

Criterion 4: Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge  
Al Bello, Chair  
Carla Boyd, Vice-Chair

Criterion 5: Engagement and Service  
Dr. Wendy Brown, Chair  
Bruce Rape, Vice-Chair