

2012 Committee

~ Meeting Summary ~

February 13, 2012

Members Present: K. Alfrey, S. Baker, T. Banta, K. Black, M. Ferguson, M. Fisher, D. Galli, C. Goodwin, M. Hansen, R. Jackson, K. Johnson, S. Kahn, R. Porter, S. Queener, S. Scott, M. Souza, T. Tarr, R. Ward, K. Yoder

1. M. Fisher and T. Banta reported on **plans to publicize the town hall meetings** at which the self study will be discussed. Staff in Public Affairs and Government Relations (PAGR) have developed a Web page for the reaffirmation process, and Chancellor Bantz has recorded a video introduction. Other sections of the site include facts about accreditation, with a link to the Higher Learning Commission site, and information about the town hall meetings as well as drafts of the self study chapters as they become available. PAGR staff also are working on layouts for posters, slides, and the final versions of the self-study chapters.

M. Fisher and T. Banta are taking turns informing Faculty and Staff Councils each month about the accreditation process and self-study developments. In addition, messages about the first town hall meeting and the schedule for the other three sessions have been sent to deans and associate deans, vice chancellors and directors, and student leaders. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend the town hall meetings and to give chapter authors and Criterion Team co-chairs additional ideas to incorporate. In particular, we welcome suggestions for *Opportunities and Challenges*, which constitutes the last section of each chapter.

2. **Self-study chapter authors** reported that all five chapters of the self study are in draft form and are being reviewed by their respective Criterion Teams. The estimated page count is 180, well within the 200-page limit. Soon we should contact the University Library team that will put materials for appendices on a Web site that the reviewers can consult.
3. Members emphasized that in our presentation of ***Challenges and Opportunities*** we should include actions we are taking to address our challenges and opportunities.
4. In reflecting on our **experience with this self study**, we are glad that we started our preparations four years prior to the reviewers' visit in November 2012. Some members say they would have appreciated more direct, public involvement of Chancellor Bantz and Dean Sukhatme, but they certainly have been supportive behind the scenes. And now the Chancellor has recorded a video introduction for the self study Web site. In addition, he will send letters of appreciation to all 2012 Committee members for their work on the self study.