

North Park University
“Leading Lives of Significance and Service”
Higher Learning Commission (HLC)-Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality (PEAQ)
Self-Study Newsletter: One-Year Countdown
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From now until our visit in November 2010 you will be receiving a monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you informed of progress, important dates, and opportunities for participation in the self-study process. If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Ritt at critt@northpark.edu

- *“Leading Lives of Significance and Service”* is the theme of our self-study. This theme provides us with a basis for the ongoing examination of how we at North Park are living out our mission. Our self-study goals include:
 - demonstrating the university’s ability to meet the criteria for accreditation set forth by the Higher Learning Commission.
 - actively engaging all members of the university, its constituents, and the broader community in the self-study process.
 - reflecting on the university’s accomplishments and evaluating our response to challenges over the last decade.
 - using the self-study process to engage all campus constituencies in dialogue regarding the university’s future.
 - using the findings to inform decision-making related to strategic planning and quality improvement.
 - building sustainable processes and systems that offer opportunities to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of the university as we prepare for the future.

Updates:

- The three subcommittees have submitted their first drafts of the assigned chapters. A rough draft of the entire self-study has been assembled and is being reviewed by members of the Executive Accreditation Committee.
- We anticipate posting the first official draft on the Blackboard accreditation site in the early part of the Spring semester.
- Samples of student work will continue to be accepted by Elizabeth Ritt via electronic or inter-office mail until **February 1, 2010**. To date, we have received over 50 pieces of student work.
- Thank you for submitting the accomplishments document via email. The submission date is closed and we are assembling the first draft. We anticipate sharing the draft later in February. You will have an opportunity to review your submission for accuracy prior as well as provide any updates.
- Please continue to upload documents to your departmental wiki. We are making excellent progress across all areas. This information on the wiki is proving to be very helpful to the members of the subcommittees. If you have any questions regarding the wiki please contact Robert Stanley at rstanley@northpark.edu for assistance.