

**North Park University**  
***“Leading Lives of Significance and Service”***  
Higher Learning Commission (HLC)-Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality (PEAQ)  
**Self-Study Newsletter: Six Months and Counting!**  
**May 2010**

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](mailto: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 writing team has been meeting on a weekly basis to process the first official draft of the self-study.
- Members of the Executive Accreditation Committee and the Subcommittees have been working on editing and expanding on various chapters in the self-study.
- The first official draft of the self-study will be posted on the Accreditation Website by April 27. Please block out some time to review the document.
- As you are reading the self-study and you come across something that you think might be inaccurate please contact Robert Stanley or Elizabeth Ritt immediately. Also, if you think you might have some valuable information to add please don’t hesitate to send it to Robert Stanley. He is the lead person that will be collecting all feedback.
- The compendium of faculty and staff accomplishments is completed. We are no longer accepting contributions at this time.
- The time period to submit samples of student work is closed.
- 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](mailto:rstanley@northpark.edu) for assistance.