



Minutes
NCA Steering Committee
October 2, 2002, 11:30 a.m.

Present: V. Downey, M. Strathe, D. Bottenberg, J. Alexander, T. Gavin, B. Hetzel, J. Huh, R. Macon, P. McCarthy, T. Montoya, S. Moser, C. Peterson, M. Quinn, H. Reed, G. Reynolds, V. Scalia, D. Scheffel, J. Temkin, G. Tucker, S. Gustafson, D. Fliethman

I. Presentation of New Criteria

- Copies of the new NCA accreditation criteria were passed out and Marlene Strathe discussed differences between “old” and “new” criteria
- The NCA has been updating the accreditation process/criterion and has presented drafts at public hearings
- Marlene Strathe, Vicki Downey, Donna Bottenberg and Kathleen Rountree attended a meeting at NCA in Minneapolis regarding the new criteria
- After 1/1/05, the new criteria will be used for all institutions
- UNC has the choice to be evaluated using the old or the new criteria
- The new Criterion #1 combines #1 and #5 of the old
- New Criterion 5 incorporates the most striking differences
 - “serve the common good”
 - service to the larger community
- There will be less concern with the last evaluation’s problems and focus will be on future plans/goals
- UNC could profit from evaluation under the new criteria
 - We can set the model for self study
 - Evaluation team will be using a new reporting form and will spend more up-front preparation time and less time on campus
- Provost Strathe recommends we go with the new criteria

II. Team Reports

- Criterion 1 – Rebecca Macon reported that the committee had focused on the new criteria
 - They plan to add new members more familiar with the new areas
 - Committee is listing what documents and items are needed
 - Finding ways to make Mission Statement/Vision Statement pervasive throughout the university
- Criterion 2 – no report

- Criterion 3 – Curt Peterson reported the first meeting was informational
 - Co-chairs will go over the new criteria 3 and decide how to proceed
 - Next meeting will be 10/21/02 and thereafter every 3 weeks
- Criterion 4 – Michelle Quinn reported that 3 meetings have been set up
 - Since the new Criteria will be used, the makeup of the committee will need to be reviewed
- Criterion 5 – Jack Temkin reported that the Criterion 5 committee has not yet met. The first order of business will be to review the makeup of the committee in light of the new wording
- It was decided that the Criterion Committee chairs will meet with Marlene Strathe, Vicki Downey and Donna Bottenberg in the near future to re-arrange the makeup of the committees to better utilize the areas of expertise of each member in light of the new criteria

IV. Self Study Plan Update

- Donna Bottenberg and Vicki Downey are outlining a plan for the self study
- Would like timelines from each committee chair by the November 6 meeting
- Will have a draft of the self study plan by the December 4 meeting

V. Chronicle of Higher Education articles on accreditation (handouts)

- Accreditation is being looked at nationally
- Jerry Martin of the National Academy of Scholars are strong proponents of more control over curriculum by trustees and less by faculty
- De-coupling of accreditation and federal student aid

Next meeting is November 6 – Self Study Plan Draft