## Southeast community college

## SELF-STUDY NEWSLETTER

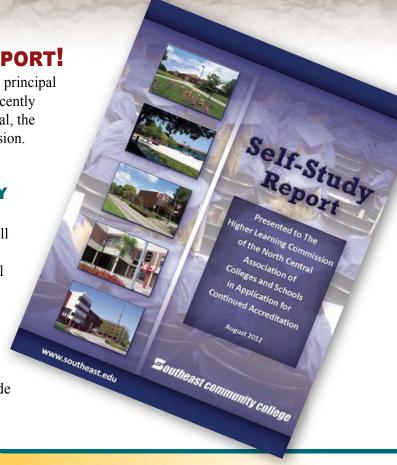
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### **SCC COMPLETES SELF-STUDY REPORT!**

After two years of hard work by our HLC self-study teams and principal writer Judy Shonerd, SCC's self-study report is finished and recently approved by our Board of Governors. With the Board's approval, the report is ready for submission to the Higher Learning Commission.

## WHEN WILL YOU RECEIVE THE SELF-STUDY REPORT?

- First, a summary of the report will be distributed to all regular employees at the All-College Conference on August 31st and to adjunct faculty at the Adjunct Fall Dinner Meeting in September.
- Next, a print copy of the full self-study report will be distributed to all regular employees' mailboxes shortly after September 10th.
- Also, an electronic copy of the self-study will be made available after you have received a printed copy.



## PREPARING FOR THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION EVALUATION TEAM'S VISIT

The self-study report was the first step in preparing for the HLC evaluators' visit on October 22-24. Other efforts are underway:

An HLC Self-Study web page is to include valuable resources for the evaluation team and SCC employees:

- Electronic Resource Room
- Copy of the Self-Study Report

A "Check Us Out!" campaign to educate both students and employees to include:

- Giveaways/Prizes
- Posters
- "SCC Primetime" Videos

HLC topics are included on the agendas for the All-College Conference and the Adjunct Fall Dinner Meeting.

# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR OUR EVALUATORS' VISIT BEFORE OCTOBER 22ND?

All employees are asked to be available to talk with the HLC evaluator team members if requested. Conversations may occur one-on-one, in small groups, or in open forums.

- When you receive the Self-Study report, take some time to look it over, especially the strengths and opportunities for improvement.
- Read the overview of the self-study that you will receive at the All-College Conference and Adjunct Fall Dinner Meeting. Other helpful information is also included!
- When the HLC Self-Study web page becomes available, take some time to check it out for valuable information about accreditation, the HLC accreditation criteria, fun facts about SCC, etc.

# MEET THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION EVALUATION TEAM!



The Higher Learning Commission has carefully selected a team of peers to visit our campuses October 22 – 24 and evaluate the College for its very important reaccreditation. (If the College is made aware of any changes to the team's membership, those changes will be shared with you.) We look forward to welcoming these team members representing faculty and administrators from other North Central Association member institutions.

Dr. Sally L. Winship (Team Chair)
Vice President Emeritus
Johnson County Community College
(Lee Summit, MO)

Vice President for Academic Affairs
Oakton Community College
(Des Plaines, IL)

Dr. Leo Hirner
Director-Distance Education Services
Metropolitan Community College
(Kansas City, MO)

Dr. Chantae Recasner

Instructor of English and Literature Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (Cincinnati, OH)

**Dr. Anna Solley**President
Maricopa Community Colleges-Phoenix College
(Phoenix, AZ)

Two additional team members are still to be determined.

#### THIS NEWSLETTER'S FEATURED CRITERION!

#### **CRITERION #3**

**Student Learning and Effective Teaching:** 

The organization provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness and demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

When the site evaluators visit our campuses, if given the opportunity, be prepared to talk about criteria #3 related topics such as the following (Keep in mind that the self-study report will be a valuable resource as we prepare for our visitors!):

- Assessment of Student Learning
- Effective Teaching
- Effective Learning Environments
- Effective Learning Resources for Learning and Teaching

#### WHAT TO WATCH FOR

More details about the HLC evaluation team's visit will be shared with you in the next newsletter and other communications. You'll learn more of what to expect along with a schedule of their activities and meetings.

