

November
2006

NCA
TIMELINE:

November-
December 2006:

Finalize
preparations for
the NCA site
visit, December
4-6, 2006.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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Several copies of the Self-Study Report are in the College Library for reading by members of the ACC community. Students, employees and the public may also access the entire 125

Report at: [http://
www.arapahoe.edu/](http://www.arapahoe.edu/)

Dear Campus Community,

This is the final issue of "Reaccreditation Times." I'd like to thank every member of the ACC community for their contributions to the Self-Study Report and the upcoming visit.

Many of you have spent hours in interviews and focus groups to provide valuable information for the Report. Some of you have been helpful to the NCA Steering Committee in gathering important documents for the Report and/or the resource room. Others are working hard to ensure that our facilities sparkle during the visit, and several department chairs are diligently completing program assessment reports in time for the visit.

Our collective efforts resulted in a Self-Study Report that accurately reflects the state of ACC. I am proud of our work together in preparation for this visit. I'd like to extend special thanks to the NCA Steering Committee: Barbara Borow-Stevens, Don Melton, Ruth Hildago, Diane Hegeman, Bob Moore, Buz Newman, Janna Oakes and Linda Whitehouse. Members of the Committee have worked countless hours above and beyond their regular duties to produce a quality Self-Study Report and to prepare documents, facilities, staff and other constituents for the visit next month.

Bob Moore will retire on December 14. Please join me in extending thanks for his efforts as Reaccreditation Project Manager. Special thanks also to the following, who will join with the Steering Committee to serve as NCA Liaisons during the visit: Jill Becker-Lutz, Linda Mueller, Donna Chrislip, Carmella Condino, Andy Meyer, Jane Hickey and Nancy Maksymovich.

Please join me on Thursday, December 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria for a campus-wide thank-you celebration and holiday luncheon.

Sincerely, Bert Glandon

The Criteria for Accreditation

ACC's Self-Study Report explains how the College complies with the 21 core components and five criteria established by The Higher Learning Commission. Compliance is important to ACC achieving reaccreditation. Previous editions of "Reaccreditation Times" described:

- **Criterion One, Mission and Integrity**
- **Criterion Two, Preparing for the Future**
- **Criterion Three, Student Learning and Effective Teaching**
- **Criterion Four, Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge**

Criterion Five, Engagement and Service, states: "As called for by its mission, the organization identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value." ACC serves and is served by many constituencies. Students comprise the primary constituency. Other important constituencies include faculty and staff, various commissions and boards, prospective students and employees, and other members of the campus and surrounding communities. Meaningful interaction with and service to these communities is important to fulfilling ACC's mission: To provide an accessible, responsive learning environment that facilitates the achievement of educational, professional, and personal goals by *our students and other members of our communities* in an atmosphere that embraces academic excellence, diversity, and innovation.

Additional information about the accreditation criteria may be found via ACC's link to the NCA/HLC, <http://www.arapahoe.edu/nca/index.html>, or directly at [http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org/
index.php](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org/index.php).

Preparation for the Visit

The seven-member NCA evaluation team will visit ACC on December 4-6. Evaluation team members will examine the College infrastructure, review documents, observe employees in the performance of their work, and conduct formal and informal interviews with faculty, staff and students. While most of the team's work is highly structured and formally scheduled, team members may also seek less formal contact with any members of the ACC campus community. All members of our campus community are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Report, the five criteria for accreditation and the expectations of the evaluation team surrounding individual areas of concern and responsibility.

THOUGHT PROVOKERS!

This Reaccreditation Times quiz calls for putting on your thinking caps. Fast, correct thinkers will be rewarded! The first eight entries submitted with all correct answers will receive an ACC traveling beverage mug. Deadline is November 22.
Bring entries to Murry Unell, Room M1605; slide under door if nobody's home.

1) The previous HLC/NCA site visit at ACC occurred in:

- a. 1996 _____
- b. 2001 _____
- c. 2000 _____
- d. 1999 _____
- e. 2004 _____

2) Think Patterns

What do all of the following words or phrases have in common?

One-time
Delegates
Camelot
Paramedic
Avocado
Inoperative
Ecumenical
Misused
Not on a bet
Coverage

3) The five criteria for HLC/NCA accreditation are comprised of how many core components?

- a. 19 _____
- b. 20 _____
- c. 21 _____
- d. 22 _____
- e. 23 _____

4) Yes or No?

Answer the following question with a simple "yes" or "no":

If the day before the day after the day before today was hotter than the day after the day before today, was the day before today hotter than today?

5) What is the title of Chapter 9 in ACC's 2006 Self-Study Report?

6) Colors

Imagine a world in which the colors of things have changed from what we consider normal. Assume the following changes:

Snow is now red.
Grass is now black.
The sky is now brown.
Blood is now white.
Soot is now green.

In such a world, what is the color of dirt?

Mark your calendar!
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DECEMBER 4-6, 2006

