

SUMMARY
IINSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS
HLC STEERING COMMITTEE
February 1, 2005, 3-4pm, President's Conference Room

Present: Drs. Georgia Grantham, Edward Crowther, Teri McCarthy, David Svaldi (chair), Guy Farish, Frank Novotny, Frank Sanchez, Barbara Medina, Mrs. Dianne Machado, Mr. Mike Nicholson, Mr. Paul Tigan

- I. The National Conference for HLC will be held from April 8-12 in Chicago, IL. Dr. Svaldi asked that the members of the committee keep these dates in mind, as well as appropriate faculty members to attend.
- II. The summary of the previous meeting was approved without discussion or dissent.
- III. Mission Statement Revision
 - a. The subcommittee named at the previous meeting presented the following revised Mission Statement.
 - i. *“Adams State College is an educational, cultural, and economic leader dedicated to access and opportunity for all students offering the highest quality programs and services, student-centered learning environments, and cutting edge program delivery for the global community.”*
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Commitment to rural Colorado (statutory service area) is too understated.
 2. Descriptive phrases like “highest quality...student-centered...cutting-edge” seem to be measurability traps.
 - iii. Revision
 1. *“Committed to access and opportunity, Adams State College promotes the educational, cultural, and economic interests of rural Colorado, the surrounding region, and the global community.”*
- IV. Theme for Accreditation Process
 - a. Dr. Svaldi suggested a contest for a theme for Accreditation and Self-Study
 - i. Theme should capture the meaning of the self-study and accreditation process, as well as motivate the campus towards it; Contest would introduce the process to the campus.
 - ii. The committee agreed on the idea of a contest open to entire college, including students.
 - iii. Theme should also address the new attitude towards accreditation—a healthy dose of self-reflective honesty combined with a vision for the future.
- V. Institutional Goals
 - a. Discussion began regarding revision of institutional goals.
 - i. Action-oriented, measurable goals revised.
 - ii. “Service distinction” separated from “academic excellence” to emphasize importance of each.
 - iii. Seventh goal initially revised to read “Reach out and respond to the educational, economic, and cultural needs of the greater community.”
 - iv. Discussion regarding the need for language reflecting ASC’s status as a Hispanic-serving institution. Committee agreed on the need to add it. Revision tabled.
- VI. Adjournment
- VII. Next Meeting: Mission revision, Part III; Institutional Goals; 10 Strengths and Weaknesses of Adams State College as a whole.