

SUMMARY  
HLC Self-Study Steering Committee  
February 8, 2005—3-4pm—President’s Conference Room

Present: Drs. Frank Novotny, Barbara Medina, Teri McCartney, Guy Farish, Frank Sanchez, and David Svaldi; Mrs. Dianne Machado; Mr. Mike Nicholson, Mr. Bill Mansheim, and Mr. Paul Tigan.

The summary from the last meeting was corrected and passed with apologies to Dr. McCartney.

- I. Mission Statement
  - a. Draft
    - i. *“Committed to opportunity and access, Adams State College promotes the educational, cultural, and economic interests of rural Colorado, the surrounding region, and the global community.”*
  - b. Concerns
    - i. Not opening with the name of the institution
    - ii. The verb *promotes*
  - c. The committee approved the following correction for public comment
    - i. *“Adams State College, committed to opportunity and access, promotes the educational, cultural, and economic interests of rural Colorado, the surrounding region, and the global community.”*
- II. Institutional Goals
  - a. The goals were revised to reflect the following changes:

Draft Goals	Revised Goals
1. Cultivate a high-quality, student-centered environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote academic excellence</li> </ul>
2. Advance academic excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultivate high-quality, student-centered environment</li> </ul>
3. Advance service distinction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance organizational effectiveness</li> </ul>
4. Enhance organizational effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide educational access and opportunity for success</li> </ul>
5. Provide access and opportunity for success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build financial sustainability</li> </ul>
6. Build financial sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulate economic development in the San Luis Valley</li> </ul>
7. Reach out and respond to the educational, economic, and cultural needs of the global community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to our unique cultural heritage</li> </ul>

- b. Strategies/Concerns
  - i. Bulleted list to diffuse any perceived hierarchy of goals.
  - ii. Removed geographical language (except in economic development) to emphasize area defined in mission statement.
  - iii. “Service distinction” goal cut; meaning still implied in revised goals.

- iv. Used verb *promotes* even though no one is particularly fond of it. Plan to revise it out of the mission statement or the goals after public comment period.
    - v. “Stimulate economic development” specific to goals for institution as stated by Dr. Wueste.
  - c. Institutional Goals approved to be passed along for public comment.
- III. Announcements—Dr. Svaldi
  - a. Memo to Criterion Chairs and Co-Chairs sent out. Included in the packet is information regarding the criteria from the Higher Learning Commission and a revised prospectus with initial committee organization and assignments.
  - b. Meetings regarding unit self-study projects should be called soon.
  - c. There are additional accreditation processes being conducted, including state and federal compliance and academic programs that have yet to be approved.
  - d. Dr. Frank Sanchez will recruit 4 or 5 students to lead the student side of the accreditation process.
  - e. Higher Learning Commission Consultant Dr. Janice Denton will be visiting the campus on February 20, 21, & 22. She will sit in on the steering committee meeting.
- IV. Adjournment.