

## Accreditation Steering Committee Meeting

February 26, 2008

Present: Parkison, Calhoon, Chauret, Leonard, Stachez, Sciame-Giesecke, Sehr, Pati, Cameron

We discussed our visit to South Bend. On Friday, February 22 the team travelled to meet with the self-study team at IU South Bend who had just completed their HLC campus visit in November. We agreed that as we write the first draft of our self study we want to approach it similar to South Bend. We were impressed that they completed the self-study for their benefit to continue to improve rather than a task required by the HLC. They wrote each section as an appraisal of what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done. Their methods seemed to compliment our goals of engaging in the self study process to move our campus from good to great.

We discussed the need of having an open forum on campus for all constituents to converse about the challenges they see as we examine each of the five criterion. At the open forum participants would be asked to note three changes that have occurred at IU Kokomo since our last accreditation visit and three changes they would like to see in the next ten years. Our goal is to engage the campus in further ownership of the self study process. We will meet with the Chancellor next week to discuss the open forum idea.