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Self Study for Reaccreditation

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What is Reaccreditation?

- Every 10 years, the university undergoes a comprehensive evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission.
- Over the past two years the campus prepared for the visit by conducting a self study with a special emphasis on strategic planning.
- We began the process in 2007 by distributing a survey to over 168,000 faculty, staff, students.
- Over 6,200 people responded.
- Six Theme Teams, chaired by 12 faculty and staff, explored key ideas in more depth in 2007-2008
- We prepared our vision reports in 2008 and laid the foundation for the campus strategic planning 2009.

Outcomes:

- Six visionary theme team reports provided key ideas and strategies for the development and implementation of the new strategic framework.
- Evidence of how the university met the Higher Learning Commission's Criteria for Accreditation were supported by the team reports.
- Numerous “spin-off” initiatives resulted all across campus, in the private sector, non-profit sector and even at other CIC Institutions
- The process promoted extensive campus engagement that led to a spirit of “unification” in a tough economic climate.
- Faculty, staff, students and alumni all participated in the development of the campus’ vision for the future.