

**2007-2008 Mid-Year Report on Campus Initiatives
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Accreditation Process

Summary of Activities to Date

The campus will be reviewed by the Higher Learning Commission and a small accreditation team in October or November 2009. In preparation for this visit, an outline of the self-study analysis, the document that serves as the foundation for the accreditation process, has been developed, and a time line delineating the major tasks of the process has been created. The self-study report is built on the campus strategic plan, using the five major goals of the plan as the structure for summarizing the goals, strengths, and challenges facing the campus. Five section committees have been formed to contribute to the self-study report; each committee is chaired by a campus leader, staffed by a Provost's office team member, and engages faculty and academic professional staff from units across campus (see committee list, below). Each of the five committees is now meeting to gather and summarize the examples and evidence that will be critical to the development of the self-study report, and to create outlines of the respective elements of the self-study report.

Next Steps

For Spring and Summer 2008, the major tasks related to the accreditation process are:

- ∞ Continue the evidence-gathering and organizational efforts of the five section subcommittees
- ∞ Develop the subcommittee evidence into more complete report sections
- ∞ Assist academic units with outcomes assessment plans; secure plans from all units (May 2008)
- ∞ Communicate with the campus – faculty, students, academic professionals and staff, administrators, BoT members – and relevant external communities (e.g., alums) about the accreditation process
- ∞ Create preliminary draft of the self-study report (Summer 2008) for feedback in Fall 2008
- ∞ Participate in and help shape the national higher education dialogue on outcomes assessment and accreditation processes

Timeline for Completion

- ∞ Draft of self-study document for campus feedback and revision - Fall 2008
- ∞ Accreditation campus visit – Fall 2009