The Steering Committee has been thinking about, writing, re-reading, and editing the comprehensive accreditation self-study report for nearly two years. It is now ready for your perusal. You can access the text at: http://www.marshall.edu/nca/.

Most of the links within the document are “live” although some are in the process of being updated. Graphics and Appendixes will be added later to improve the appearance of the report.

As you read the self-study, please remember that we were required to address the five criteria for accreditation that the North Central Association’s Higher Learning Commission recently put into effect. Those criteria are discussed in earlier Newsletters.

The report was written to provide evidence that we meet the criteria for accreditation. As intended, it was also an opportunity for the Marshall University community to think about the ways we might improve student learning and other aspects of our mission.

For those who are coming to the report with fresh eyes, please let us know how thoroughly and accurately we have characterized operations at the University. Also, if the narrative does not flow, if there are gaps or poor transitions, if there are grammatical or spelling errors, please bring them to our attention. Additionally, if there is any evidence we have overlooked, that addresses any of the five criteria, please bring it to our attention.

For those who helped to write this report, please focus especially on your section to make sure that it incorporates your suggestions and that it reflects what you want to say about the particular criterion you concentrated on.

Feedback may be submitted by clicking the link at the end of each segment. Please reference the line number(s).

The accreditation team is scheduled to visit the campus April 10, 11, 12, 2006. They will need their copies of the self-study report approximately two months in advance of their visit. Therefore, ideally, we would appreciate hearing from you by February 6, 2006. Thank you for participating in this process.