

**Higher Learning Commission (HLC)  
North Central Association (NCA) Committees  
June 30, 2008**

OPSU will undergo a Higher Learning Commission-North Central Accreditation (NCA) visit in the 2010-1011 academic year. In the process OPSU is required to establish several committees and most of the faculty and staff will be asked to serve on at least one committee. To date we have established the following:

NCA Coordinator: Dr. Kathy Turner

1. Steering Committee: Direct all activities of the NCA committees establish to meet the requirements for 2011.

Members:

Kathy Turner, Chair  
Wayne Manning  
Kirstan Neukam  
Jessica Lofland  
Bobby Jenkins

**GENERAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

In order to insure that each student of the University becomes acquainted with the major areas of knowledge that are the common possession of all educated persons as individuals and citizens in a free society, the following curriculum of General Education is prescribed for all candidates for degrees granted by OPSU and approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. For successful completion of the General Education curriculum, the student should be able to:

- Read critically and express ideas clearly, logically, and persuasively in standard written English
- Express ideas clearly, logically and persuasively in standard spoken English
- Apply mathematics as a language
- Apply biological and physical science principles to the natural world
- Interpret relationships of the creative processes, aesthetic principles and historic traditions of one or more of the humanities
- Identify the principles of history and culture of the United States
- Identify the principles of government, politics, and political organizations
- Recognize the ideas and principles that influence human thought and behavior
- Identify the economic principles that effect macroeconomics
- Utilize principles of computer systems throughout the curriculum

**Members:**

Brad Duren, Faculty  
Russell Guthrie, Faculty  
Sharon Brantner, Faculty  
Kirstan Neukam, Staff  
Shawna Lyle, Faculty  
Wayne Manning, VPAAO & Steering Committee Liaison

2. Criterion One Committee: Mission and Integrity

Make sure the organization operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff, and student.

**Members:**

Mindy Davis  
Dan Teske  
Tere Curtis  
Joyce Short  
Patrick Maille  
Steve Martin  
Steve Martin  
Bobby Jenkins, Steering Committee Liaison

3. Criterion Two Committee: Preparing for the future. The organization's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

**Members:** Presidential Cabinet

4. Criterion Three Committee: Student Learning and Effective Teaching. The organization provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

**Members:**

Pete Camfield, Chair  
Wayne Manning  
President, Faculty Senate  
President, Student Association  
School Deans  
Kirstan Neukam, Steering Committee Liaison

5. Criterion Four: Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge. The organization promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff, and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice, and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission.

**Members:**

Jana Peterson, Chair  
Jerry Mihelic  
Bev Meyer  
Davin Winger  
Loyet Shafer  
Evlyn Schmidt  
Kathy Turner, Steering Committee Liaison

6. Criterion Five: Engagement and Service. As called for by its mission, the organization identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value.

**Members:**

Scott Puryear

Consuelo McFadden

Larry Hough

Teri Mora

John Townsend

Jessica Lofland, Steering Committee Liaison