As noted in the first issue of our Accreditation newsletter, the Accreditation Oversight Committee (AOC) is now engaged in the preliminary stages of planning for our next Self-Study. The AOC is meeting in early December to review a timetable for that process, and to invite input from those who have served in the past as Chairs or Co-Chairs of the individual Standards addressed in the Self-Study. That study will require a considerable investment of time and energy from the campus community. We want to ensure that it is managed as efficiently as possible, and with the broadest participation from all constituencies. At this point, we want to give the campus a general sense of the timeline we will hope to follow as we prepare our Self-Study. A more detailed schedule will follow once it has been refined and approved by the AOC, but here are some highlights:

Spring 2010: Standard Chairs and committee members will be identified, along with a general Steering Committee. Training will be provided for those involved as needed, and various logistical details of the process will be resolved.

Fall 2010: Major period of fact-finding and investigation by the Standards committees (e.g., surveys done now or in Spring 2011; interviews with administrators.)

Spring 2011: First drafts of reports due from Standards committees, fact-finding continues as needed.

Fall 2011: Committees continue to meet, fact-find, refine drafts. Compiling and posting all supporting evidence continues.

Spring 2012: Near-final drafts to be finished in February; will be shared with governance committees and entire campus for review and feedback. Recommendations from self-study will be compiled in a new Planning Agenda.

Summer 2012: Document finalized, edited; all evidence gathered and posted.

Fall 2012: Final report submitted for system review and approval; printing and binding; posting for campus, along with Planning Agenda; copies sent to ACCJC/WASC; campus prepares for Visiting Team.