



All University Welcome *President's Address*

August 21, 2014

Welcome to our New Employees

Jessica Anderson

Customer Service Specialist, Intermediate, Admission

Randal Bahn

General Maintenance Worker

Tramel Barnes

Assistant Men's Basketball Coach/Athletic Administration

Leazah Behrens

Assistant Professor, Theatre

Tyler Boddy

Assistant Volleyball Coach/Athletic Administration

Robert Carter

College Lab Assistant 1 (Greenhouse Manager)

Kimberly Coy

Assistant Professor, Special Education

Brian Frana

Assistant Football Coach/Athletic Administration

Vinay Gonela

Assistant Professor, Management

Jennifer Graven

Director of Marketing and Promotions, Athletics

Laurie Jo Johansen

Director of Nursing/Associate Professor

Brian Lensing

General Repair Worker

Alexander MacArthur

Information Officer 3, Web Services

Matthew Speakman

General Maintenance Worker

Mary Thron

Assistant Professor, Spanish

Michael Van Drehe

Director of Alumni

Allan Vogel

Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success

Katie Will

Office & Administrative Specialist, Senior Nursing





All-University Meeting
August 21, 2014

Dr. Lori Baker,
Self-Study Coordinator

Reaffirmation of Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), will be visiting campus on October 20-22, 2014.



Preparing for the Review Visit

- The Self-Study has been completed and mailed to the peer reviewers.
- The Self-Study and general e-resources can be found on our HLC webpages.
- Documentation for the reviewers was collected and linked to the self-study or placed in a D2L section for reviewers.



WWW.SMSU.EDU/HLC

Preparing for the Review Visit

A proposed meeting schedule is being prepared; the peer review team will determine the final schedule in the weeks before they arrive.

Open meetings will be held with peer reviewers for

- Faculty
- Staff
- Students

Key committees will meet with peer reviewers, including

- Strategic Planning
- CIA
- Enrollment Management/EAT

among others



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What Reviewers Might Ask

Questions might include topics like:

- What is SMSU known for?
- What do you like best about SMSU?
- What would you change if you could?
- What is it like to be here? Do you feel like you have support?
- Do you know about the self-study?
- Were you able to be involved in the self-study process?

- And more specific questions related to topics in the self-study, such as the budget, the LEP, student support, diversity, academic programming, the mission



Preparing for the Review Visit

What You Can Do to Prepare

- Keep your calendars relatively clear for Oct. 20-21
- Look through the Self-Study
- Be prepared to discuss these topics and issues in the self-study and related to the criteria with the HLC Peer Reviewers
- Help students become aware of what will be taking place; let them know that HLC peer reviewers might stop and talk to them and ask them about their experience at SMSU



YOU are SMSU!

Questions? lori.baker@smsu.edu



MnSCU Strategic Framework



- Ensure access to an extraordinary education for all Minnesotans
- Be the partner of choice to meet Minnesota's workforce and community needs
- Deliver to students, employers, communities and taxpayers the highest value/most affordable higher education option





Charting the Future - Gallery Walks – Fall 2014 & Spring 2015

Actively engage stakeholders in co-developing solutions with Implementation teams

What are the Gallery Walks?

- “Open house” sessions for students, faculty, staff and community members to provide input into implementation team ideas
- All content posted online for those who cannot travel to the session

What do they include?

- Open house sessions where four implementation teams can set up gallery walks
- Highlight each teams’ 1) area of focus and purpose, 2) facts and key insights on why this is important 3) open-ended, structured list of questions and hypotheses, and 4) hopes and fears
- 3-hours afternoon/evening sessions to encourage higher attendance
- Team members will facilitate by presenting ideas and answering questions

Who will facilitate?

- Facilitated by Organizational capability and Implementation team members who are knowledgeable in across content areas

Outcomes?

- An opportunity for all stakeholders at your campus and in your community to
 - Receive updates and understand the progress
 - Share their opinions and concerns
 - Be involved and committed in working toward positive change
 - Inspired to share the benefits for themselves and for their campuses



Charting the Future

SMSU Gallery Walk
October 30, 2014
Bellows Commons
1-4 pm



Presidential Address
Dr. Connie J. Gores
August 21, 2014



Strategic Planning 2014-2015

Southwest Minnesota State University Strategic Planning



Together we will build a bright future for SMSU!

Go Mustangs!

