New England Association of Schools and Colleges visit

October 26, 2016

Dear Members of the UNE Community:

We are writing with some updates about activities related to the University’s comprehensive accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) scheduled for April 2017 and to outline the plan, which will include opportunities for you to participate in a university level discussion:

Updates

- NEASC has revised its organization of the self-study into 9 distinct and related areas, the “standards.” You can learn more about these standards at [https://cihe.neasc.org/standards-policies/standards-accreditation/standards-effective-july-1-2016](https://cihe.neasc.org/standards-policies/standards-accreditation/standards-effective-july-1-2016)
- We began the process in 2014 with the call to serve from across the University. Two drafts of the self-study have been completed with broad input from across the University and a focus on “show me the evidence,” a theme that resonates throughout the self-study and is a strong expectation of NEASC.
- UNE’s senior leadership spent two days at a recent retreat discussing areas of core strengths and areas for improvement in the context of the self-study.

Invitation to Provide Feedback

We invite students, faculty, and staff to engage in a discussion on the themes that have emerged that apply to the institution as a whole, considering the following questions:

- How are we fulfilling our mission? Where can we do better?
- What is our “campus identity” for each campus, including the online learning experience? How are we the same in our values and where are we unique?
- What is our potential for a diverse student, faculty and staff body? How does a multicultural learning experience enhance the institution and how do we move in that direction?
- What is our potential for furthering our “integrated/interprofessional teaching and learning?”

Your feedback will help further refine the final draft of the self-study that will be submitted to NEASC in early 2017. If you cannot attend a session, but would like to share your experiences with and thoughts about these topics, please email your feedback to steeringcommittee@une.edu. For more information, visit [http://www.une.edu/neasc](http://www.une.edu/neasc).

On behalf of the Steering Committee, we welcome your thoughts and ideas about the self-study process outlined above.

Regards,

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Online Faculty

- 11/10/16, 6-7 p.m., Webinar Link TBD

Faculty

- 11/11/16, 7:30-8:30 a.m., St. Francis room (BC)
- 11/11/16, 4-5 p.m., Goddard 009 (PC)

Students

- 11/14/16, 7:30-8:30 p.m., St Francis 104 (BC), Hersey 204 (PC)

Staff

- 11/17/16, 12-1 p.m., Linnell 100 (PC), St. Francis room (BC)

Online Students

- 11/17/16, 6-7 p.m., Webinar Link TBD

All community

- 11/21/16, 12-1 p.m., Alumni Hall, Detmer 107 (PC)
- 11/22/16, 12-1 p.m., St. Francis room (BC)