

Breakout Session

- Concern about lack of detail in educational program.
 - Lack of clarity of expectations.
 - Focusing on mission a strength of revised standards.
 - Mission driven.
 - Integrated approach good.
 - Analysis & synthesis important.
 - Important that teams doing 1st evaluations have a very good understanding of standards.
 - Looking to pilot projects to help identify a process for institutions to follow when implementing the new standard.
 - Still not clear about the distinction between theme and value. Need more clarification.
 - A report due every 2 years means calling on people more often – could lead to burn out.
 - Are there new eligibility requirements?
 - Process for substantive change and reporting these.
 - 2 visits back-to-back can be a financial hardship (year 3 + year 7 back-to-back). Especially a concern is this fiscal atmosphere.
 - Need to be preparing for 1st year report same year that completing 7th year report and hosting the visit.
 - Will there be training provided for those institutions that have the 7th year report/visit in 2011?
 - Evaluator training for the evaluators who do the 2011 7th year visits.
 - Overlap of memberships for 3rd & 7th year visits?
 - Concern as to “what is authentic assessment? How about a definition for “authentic”?”
 - How does the punitive process work in this model?
 - Content & Structure comments:
 - Like idea of themes.
 - Integration of standards across themes is good
 - Integration can’t be just a layer on top of “business as usual”.
 - Living in ambiguity for a period of time is uncomfortable for some.
 - Evaluator training needs to discuss “what is good enough?” regarding evidence.
 - Process:
 - Why 2018 for getting everyone on a 7 year timeline?
 - The new process changes completely how campuses have to work (and many individuals at the institutions): has NWCCU considered this?
 - Institutions will have to rethink how they do business around accreditation.
 - Institutional costs are going to be increased.
 - Really nervous about the structure of the every two year format.
 - Some see this new process as a proactive way to forestall Federal oversight.
 - 2011 7th year group need to get feedback on 1st year, 3rd year & 5th year process as they are developed.
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