

MEMORANDUM

To: Chair John L. Pogue and Members of the Board of Trustees

From: Bege Bowers, Janice Elias, Sharon Stringer
Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Coordinators

Date: November 28, 2006

Subject: Board of Trustees Self-Assessment Responses

Thank you for participating in the Board of Trustees Self-Assessment Survey in late October and early November 2006. Attached are four items for you to review as you prepare for future discussion of that survey:

1. A one-page overview—which was distributed at the November 17, 2006, Board retreat before analysis of the surveys was completed—outlining some preliminary observations about responses to the survey;
2. *Summary of Part I Responses, November 2006 Board of Trustees Self-Assessment Survey*, a statistical summary of the Board's responses to the 56 Likert-scale questions in Part I of the survey;
3. *Means and Modes for the 56 Likert-Scale Questions on the Board of Trustees Self-Assessment Survey*—a graphical representation of responses to the questions in Part I of the survey, organized by topics and the five Higher Learning Commission criteria for accreditation (the “mean” is the average of the responses to a particular question; the “mode” is the most frequent response to a particular question); and
4. *Summary of Part II Responses, November 2006 Board of Trustees Self-Assessment Survey*, a summary of the Board's responses to the 9 narrative questions in Part II of the survey.

Again, we are grateful for your participation in YSU's important accreditation and assessment processes. We will be happy to meet with you to discuss the survey and your responses.