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HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION INVITES THIRD-PARTY COMMENT AS NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY UNDERGOES ACCREDITATION VISIT

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To: Michael Wilds <wilds@nsuok.edu>

Thu, Feb 9, 2012 at 9:48 AM

Hi Mike,

Here is the e-mail that Jennifer sent to all media contacts with the date of Dec. 16. I will continue to try and fax this info to you. As of now, I'm getting an error message when I try to fax. It says there is a poor connection. If we cannot fax, then I will scan and e-mail to you this afternoon.

My student worker gathered the Jan. 5 copy of the Tahlequah Daily Press article. However, she does not come in until this afternoon. At that time, I will fax that over to you (fax willing!) And the alumni site is linked back to our HLC site.

You were right about The Northeastern. We sent that info to them in December. But their publication schedule was Dec. 6 (which we didn't get in) and then not again until Jan. 17.

Thanks,
Tom

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From: Jennifer Zehnder <zehnder@nsuok.edu>

Date: Fri, Dec 16, 2011 at 8:52 PM

Subject: HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION INVITES THIRD-PARTY COMMENT AS NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY UNDERGOES ACCREDITATION VISIT

To:

December 2011

NSU's mission is to empower students to be socially responsible global citizens by creating and sustaining a culture of learning and discovery.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Northeastern State University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on March 26, 2012, by a team

representing The Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Northeastern State has been accredited by the Commission from 1922-1934 and 1949-present. NSU's accreditation is at the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degree level.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provides institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission accredits approximately 1,100 institutions of higher education in a 19-state region. The commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

For the past two years, NSU has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the college; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

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As part of its ongoing effort to make the accreditation process responsive to a broad range of constituents, the Commission has integrated the federally required third-party comment process into its regular accrediting processes.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university to: Public Comment on Northeastern State University, The Higher Learning Commission, 230 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411, or submit comments electronically at <http://hlc.nsuok.edu/>.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by February 26, 2012. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the Commission office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comments.

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Thanks,

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