**CONNORS CONTINUES PREPARATION FOR HLC REACCREDITATION**

**SELF-STUDY UNDER WAY**
Connors is currently involved in a comprehensive self-study process in preparation for review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. An HLC accreditation team visit is scheduled in March 2010.

The College is seeking to continue its HLC accreditation for 10 years. Connors, accredited by HLC since 1963, received its most recent re-accreditation in 1999.

The HLC accreditation team will look closely at Connors’ operations, consider how Connors has fulfilled its mission over the past 10 years and assess its capacity for shaping the quality of the institution in the future. Connors self-study aims to provide an accurate, inclusive look at the College’s strengths, challenges and opportunities into the next decade.

Steering committee members are Margaret Rigney (Library Director); Pat Clancy (Business Chair); Rhoda Strode (Director of the Muskogee Campus); Lynett Rock (Mathematics, Science, & Health Education Chair) Debara Corrado (Assessment Director and science instructor); Ron Spence, (math instructor); Jolene Armstrong (librarian); Mary Smith (Administrative Assistant, VP for Fiscal Affairs); and Bridget Beaver (Communication and Fine Arts Chair). Each steering committee member has a subcommittee composed of faculty and staff chosen to represent a broad spectrum of the campus community. Other members of the college community have provided additional expertise and resources throughout the self-study.

**THE CRITERIA**
The HLC steering and subcommittee members have worked to gather and process evidence that demonstrates how Connors is fulfilling the five HLC criteria:

- Mission & Integrity
- Preparing for the Future
- Student Learning & Effective Teaching
- Acquisition, Discovery & Application of Knowledge
- Engagement & Service

**Self Study Evaluation Team Identified**
A draft of Connors’ Self-Study report will be circulated for campus review in October 2009. The self-study will be mailed to HLC and evaluation team members by Christmas Break, 2009. The HLC self-study team is scheduled to visit Connors campuses March 8-10, 2010.

Self Study Team members identified to date include:
- Dr. Thompson Brandt (Team Chair) Highland Community College, IL
- Dr. Marty Bachman, Front Range Community College, CO
- Dr. Brian Inbody, Neosho County Community College, KS
- Mr. Eric Johnston-Ortiz, Eastern NM University-Roswell, NM
- Dr. David Mathews, Southwestern Michigan College, MI

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