

Focus Groups for NCA 2004 Self-Study

As part of our self-study process for the Higher Learning Commission, we convened focus groups that discussed KU as a distinctive institution and as a future-orientated institution. These are two themes of our “self-reflection.” These themes have been discussed with a number of groups which are identified below. Attending the meetings to facilitate and listen to the conversation were Barbara Romzek, chair of the NCA Steering Committee, Sandra Gautt, Robin Lehman, and Deb Teeter.

The following questions guided the conversations:

- What language would we use to capture the essence of KU if we were to describe ourselves to others?
- What elements do we want to preserve?
- What are our superlatives?
- Looking into the future, how will our emphases or profile change? What may drive this change?

Groups that reflected and discussed these topics include:

February 10	Research Directors, Lawrence
February 11	Academic Deans, Lawrence
February 25	KUMC Leadership
February 26	NCA Steering Committee
April 1	Classified and Unclassified governance reps, Lawrence
April 8	University Council, Lawrence
April 9	Chancellor’s Policy Group
May 5	Students, Lawrence