Focus on the Future Fridays:
STLCC Prepares to Take Self-Study to Self Improvement

After spending more than 18 months of objectively looking at ourselves, participating in focus groups, completing surveys and serving on committees, the College’s self-study report is written and ready for review.

Documents currently are being collected to present to the Higher Learning Commission’s evaluating team in advance of its January 2008 visit.

The hard work now is over—right? In reality, the hard work is just beginning.

“The work you all have done through self-study has created the blueprint for the future of St. Louis Community College,” Interim Chancellor Zelema Harris told staff during Professional Development Day. “Through strategic planning, we’ll create the future we desire for ourselves and our students.”

To that end, “Focus on the Future” sessions have been planned to take the self-study report to the next level—self improvement. All staff are invited to participate in these Friday sessions, slated for Nov. 2, 16, 30 and Dec. 7, to discuss relevant issues from the report and to focus on strategic ways and means to improve the quality of teaching, learning and student success.

“We know the ‘what’ of the self-study,” said Donna Dare, director of Career and Technical Education who also serves as vice chair of the Self-Study Steering Committee and writing project manager. “Focus on the Future Fridays will give us a chance to begin planning for action regarding issues that were raised in the self-study.”

Focus on the Future Fridays Schedule
Nov. 2: Florissant Valley, Training Center 202-204, 2:30-4 p.m.
Nov. 16: Meramec, Library Confluence Room, 12:30-2 p.m.
Nov. 30: Cosand Center, Room 308, 1:30-3 p.m.
Nov. 30: Forest Park, L-041, 1:30-3 p.m.
Dec. 7: Wildwood, Multipurpose Room, 2-3:30 p.m.

For more information about these sessions, contact Nancy Adams, chair of the Self-Study Steering Committee, at ext. 5441 or by e-mail, nadams@stlcc.edu.