**UAA Accreditation Overview**

Institutional Accreditation is overseen by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, and the Assistant Vice Provost/ALO is responsible for the ongoing communications and reporting to the NWCCU. OAA reviewed this structure in fall 2013, and, because much of the ongoing work with the NWCCU relates to academic programs, it was decided that accreditation should remain where it is currently housed. However, the new accreditation process, which focuses on mission fulfillment, also relies heavily on the work of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and the institution as a whole.

To ensure broad institutional participation and sustainability of the accreditation process, UAA will create an advisory group, co-chaired by the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs and the Senior Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness.

**The Accreditation Steering Committee is advisory and will:**

1. Provide oversight and guidance regarding the institution’s overall approach to accreditation.
2. Ensure and guide internal and external communication to keep the campuses and communities informed of and engaged in the accreditation processes.
3. Review the Core Themes and indicators in the context of the standards for accreditation and ensure their alignment with UAA goals and objectives.
4. Review progress toward mission fulfillment and report areas of success and of concern.
5. Meet 3-4 times per year.

**Accreditation Steering Committee Membership**

1. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Co-Chair
2. Senior Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, Co-Chair
3. Faculty Representative
4. Faculty Representative
5. Faculty Representative (Community Campus)
6. Staff Representative
7. Student Representative
8. Research Representative
9. Academic Dean or Associate Dean Representative
10. Community Campus Director or Assistant Director Representative
11. Student Affairs Representative
12. Administrative Services Representative
13. University Advancement Representative
14. Under discussion—Alumni Representative

*Senior Consultants to the Committee:*      Assistant Vice Provost and Accreditation Liaison Officer

Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Research