DATA SAY:
On Jan. 11, 2012, ASU was notified by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) that the M.S.E. in School Counseling was awarded accreditation for a period of two years.

SO WHAT:
As with other important academic programs achieving accreditation, the decision followed extensive work by the ASU faculty to conduct a self-study, to prepare and submit a self-study report, and to host a site visitation team that verified the findings. In the letter recently received by the Chancellor’s Office from Dr. Carol L. Bobby, president and CEO of CACREP, she stated, “On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration. Congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.”

HOW WE CHANGED:
As ASU moves into calendar year 2012 and beyond in meeting fully its mission, goals, and objectives, there are a number of important areas that warrant special emphasis. Perhaps paramount among these is the thoughtful preparation of the ASU self-study for The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and a variety of plans that are necessary to provide a shared vision for and direction to the future of the university. These plans will serve as a heuristic to guide individual and collective behavior. It also will help ASU to prepare for reaffirmation of regional accreditation by HLC and to market more effectively the university in an increasingly competitive environment. Among these plans are the Strategic Plan, Campus Facilities Master Plan, Marketing Plan, and the Enrollment Management Plan. All such plans warrant substantial input and contributions from all campus constituencies and this investment of time, energy and thoughtfulness is recognized and appreciated deeply. Among other things, it is of critical importance that even greater efforts are made to improve the overall culture of assessment at ASU.

WHAT WE GOT:
Data are still being collected.