Preparing for HLC Accreditation

May 5, 2021
HLC Accreditation Criteria

- **Criterion 1. Mission** (3 core components)
- **Criterion 2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct** (5 core components)
- **Criterion 3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support** (4 core components)
- **Criterion 4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement** (3 core components)
- **Criterion 5. Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning** (3 core components)
What We Need to Prepare

• Assurance Argument—Responding to all criteria and core components
• Complete Federal compliance review—Respond to 6 comprehensive questions
• Submit HLC Quality Initiative report—improving first-generation student success
• Prepare and host a campus visit by a team of HLC peer reviewers—April 11-13, 2022.
Current Status

• A core team has been working since last November and has completed a rough draft of the assurance argument.
• Core team members: Bin Ning, Fred Burrack, Shane Schellpfeffer.
What’s Coming Up—Timeline

• Summer 2021
  – Gather additional evidence

• Fall 2021
  – Incorporate new evidence as needed
  – Review by key areas leaders
  – Select a copy editor
  – Develop a short handout to highlight strengths vs challenges
  – Present to Joint Committee of President Cabinet/Deans Council
  – First complete draft in place by 12/15/2021
What’s Coming Up—Timeline (Continued)

• **January 2022**
  – Review by President/Provost
  – Initial conference call between President Myers and HLC team chair

• **February 2022**
  – Present highlights to campus key groups
  – Submit final report to HLC (Lock portal on 2/28/2022)

• **March 2022**
  – Prepare logistics for campus visit

• **April 11-13, 2022**
  – HLC Campus Visit
Ad Hoc Members

Evidence gathering support

• Lynn Carlin, Karen Goos, Jeannie Brown-Leonard, Linda Cook, Ethan Erickson, Karen Pedersen, Cheryl Doerr, Thomas Lane, Kelley Brundage, Laurel Littrell (Faculty Senate), SGA representative...

Site Visit Logistics Team: Pending