Charge: To proactively advise the College on all significant matters related to maintaining institutional accreditation by the HLC.

Process: A standing committee of representatives of each Academic school, Academic Affairs, Administrative Services, Assessment, Center for Excellence, Continuing Education, Information Technology, Institutional Research, Public Relations, and Student Services, meet monthly and facilitated by the Dean of Educational Resources. The group hears updates on HLC news, oversees campus communication on HLC issues and steers five Criteria subcommittees and the Persistence & Completion Academy.

Product: By August 2018, be prepared for the next Higher Learning Commission campus visit and reaffirmation of accreditation.

Who: Steering Committee, Subcommittee chairs, and Persistence & Completion representatives

Guests: Campus community invited

When: 3-4 pm, Thursday, April 14, 2016;

Where: Gateway Building 312

What: Subcommittee chairs and P&C representatives presented progress as documented in the Assurances system and separately for P&C efforts.


Criterion 2 – Trevor Mahlum (faculty chair needed) – focusing on policy development and documentation of transparent and ethical processes. Recommend: A faculty chair to lead this subcommittee

Criterion 3 – Kendall Jacobs – developing information on teaching practices, qualification of faculty, and assurance of quality learning experiences for students. Recommend: many more detailed access to information requests submitted separately.

Criterion 4 – Renee Griffith – developing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to learning processes and accountability. Recommend: need report from P&C team and many more detailed access to information requests submitted in the Assurances system


P&C – Matt Nickodemus – focusing on data development and scaling up the following methods of student information gathering: student intentions survey, student focus groups on advising, and data on graduate transfer enrollment

What’s next: Complete review of 2009 Advancement Section report (feedback from peers) and approve draft system recommendations based on 4.14 progress update meeting.

Change note: Based on feedback and growing alignment of all HLC efforts Persistence & Completion briefs will not be produce separately from now on. Instead the P&C team will update the HLC Steering committee as subcommittees do.
Timeline:
April 16-20, 2016 – HLC annual meeting; Chicago IL
April 21, 2016 – HLC subcommittee chairs meeting; 3:45-4:45 pm, LH198A
May 5, 2016 – HLC Persistence & Completion Academy meeting; 3:00pm; GW404
May 12, 2016 – HLC steering committee meeting; 3-4 pm, LH198A
May 18-20, 2016 – HLC Persistence & Completion Academy Mid-term Roundtable; Chicago, IL