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

Who: Bill Conte, Lynn Fletcher, Pam Jones, Trevor Mahlum, Missy Neff, Scott Nolan, John Ordiway, Melissa Stahley-Cummings
Guests: Dr. Shawn Powell
When: 3-4 pm, Thursday, January 14, 2016; Where: Liesinger Hall 198A
What: Discussed HLC updates including strategic planning status (VISTA) and proposed new services and resources, reviewed school meeting (1/13/16) communication efforts, and began in depth review of Assumed Practices for CC evidence. HLC Assumed Practices are not part of the reportable Criteria for Accreditation. However, they represent a set of expected, foundational practices and policies for all HLC institutions. Assumed Practices must be in place and documentable before any review of Criteria.
Note: School of Social & Behavioral Sciences Academic Assistant, Crystal Sosalla will be joining the meetings to offer logistical and documentary support.

What’s next: Continue review of Assumed Practices, review Policy recommendations (to Policy Committee), and review 2009 Advancement Section report (feedback from peers).

Timeline:
January 21, 2016 – HLC subcommittee chairs meeting; 3:45-4:45 pm, LH198A
February 4, 2016 – HLC Persistence & Completion Academy team meeting; 3:30 – 4:30 pm, GW404
February 11, 2016 – HLC steering committee meeting; 1-2 pm, LH198A
February 18, 2016 – HLC subcommittee chairs meeting; 3:45-4:45 pm, LH198A
March 3, 2016 – HLC Persistence & Completion Academy team meeting; 3:30 – 4:30 pm, GW404
March 10, 2016 – HLC steering committee meeting; 1-2 pm, LH198A
March 15, 2016 – HLC update to Board of Trustees work session; 4-6 pm, GW312
March 24, 2016 – HLC subcommittee chairs meeting; 3:45-4:45 pm, LH198A
April 7, 2016 – HLC Persistence & Completion Academy team meeting; 3:30 – 4:30 pm, GW404
April 14, 2016 – HLC steering committee meeting; 3-4 pm, TBD – Criteria subcommittee updates
April 16-20, 2016 – HLC annual meeting; Chicago IL
April 21, 2016 – HLC subcommittee chairs meeting; 3:45-4:45 pm, LH198A
May 12, 2016 – HLC steering committee meeting; 3-4 pm, LH198A
May 18-19, 2016 – HLC Persistence & Completion Academy Mid-term Roundtable; Chicago, IL