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Dear Colleagues,

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is moving ever closer to its November 2018 visit from the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation team. In 2008, UMSL achieved reaccreditation without restrictions – a tremendous feat. With your help, we expect no less this time around.

A successful reaccreditation effort will involve contributions from all aspects of the campus community – including the fine work of our HLC Steering Committee and Accreditation Team. This regular newsletter is one way in which we intend to share information and coordinate activities.

UMSL has made significant strides since 2008, educating and graduating students in record numbers. We look forward to sharing this and other accomplishments with the HLC team.

Keep up the good work.

Tom George
Chancellor

Kristin Sobolik
Provost and Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs - designate

Meet and Greet



You are cordially invited to meet Provost Sobolik and the HLC Team on Thursday, May 4, from Noon - 1:00 p.m. in the JC Penney Conference Center, Room 402. Learn about the work the team is doing, the reaccreditation process, and how you can help!

Raising Awareness

Since Fall 2016, UMSL's Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Team has given presentations to a number of units on campus. The purpose of the presentations is to raise the campus community's awareness about our upcoming HLC reaccreditation visit taking place November 5 and 6, 2018. Our success will depend on the entire UMSL community's involvement. During the presentation, attendees learn about HLC, the five criteria we have to address, and how they can assist with the review. To date, the Team has given over 30 presentations. To see a list of those completed thus far, go to <https://www.umsl.edu/aap/accreditation/presentations.html>. To schedule a presentation for your unit, contact [Paulette Isaac-Savage](#).

The HLC Process and Criteria for Accreditation

UMSL will undergo a site visit by HLC representatives on November 5 and 6, 2018. The site visit will include meetings with students, faculty, staff, and community stakeholders to assess the university's compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation.

Prior to the site visit, university representatives will be responsible for preparing assurance arguments and gathering evidence to demonstrate compliance. The HLC site team will review these materials as well as responses from the HLC student survey which will be conducted in September of 2018.

Criterion 1. Mission. The institution's mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution's operations.

Criterion 2. Integrity. Ethical and responsible conduct. The institution acts with integrity; its conduct is ethical and responsible.

Criterion 3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support. The institution provides high quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered.

Criterion 4. Teaching and Learning. Evaluation and Improvement. The institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments, and support services, and it evaluates their effectiveness for student learning through processes designed to promote continuous improvement.

Criterion 5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness. The institution's resources, structures, and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to future challenges and opportunities. The institution plans for the future.

Meet the HLC Steering Committee

[Paulette Isaac-Savage](#) - Assoc. Provost/HLC Liaison; Co-Chair Criterion One

[Alan D. Heisel](#) - Special Assistant to the Provost; Co-Chair Criterion Three

[Bonnie Unal](#) - Project Manager

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[Tom H. Eyszell](#) - Co-Chair Criterion One

[Erika L. Gibb](#) - Co-Chair Criterion Two

[Yolanda Weathersby](#) -Co-Chair Criterion Two

[Keith Stine](#) - Co-Chair Criterion Three

[Michael Porterfield](#) - Co-Chair Criterion Four

[Shawn Woodhouse](#) - Co-Chair Criterion Four

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[Brian L. Speicher](#) - Co-Chair Criterion Five

To see all committee members, please visit:

<https://www.umsl.edu/aap/accreditation/committee%20members.html>