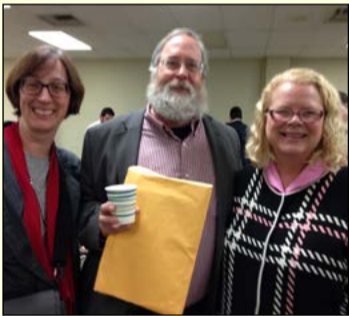


Meet and Greet Success



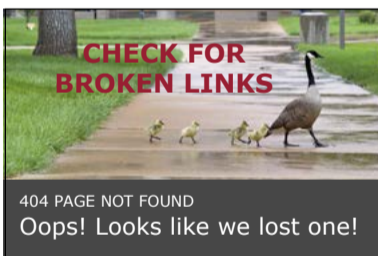
The campus Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation team held a Meet and Greet social and informational session on Thursday, May 4, 2017. Despite inclement weather, the event was well-attended and provided an opportunity for faculty and staff to meet UMSL's new Provost, Dr. Kristin Sobolik.

Paulette Isaac-Savage kicked off the event by introducing Provost Kristin Sobolik and the rest of the HLC accreditation team. The Provost provided opening remarks and afterwards mingled with faculty and staff. Provost Sobolik and the accreditation team took the opportunity to raise awareness of the upcoming reaccreditation visit (November 5-6, 2018) and to emphasize its importance to the future of UMSL.



Provost Sobolik made a special point to recognize and thank not just the accreditation team, but campus as a whole. Sobolik emphasized to attendees that the success of our reaccreditation effort depends on the engagement and support of the entire campus. It is the UMSL community--not just the accreditation team that will insure our success.

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As the HLC Team collects evidence for the reaccreditation visit, we find many broken links on your departmental and administrative websites. The website is an integral part of the reaccreditation process and it is important it is current. Please help us by fixing broken links and out-of-date content within the areas you are responsible to maintain.

HLC 2017 Annual Conference

The HLC held its Annual Conference last month in Chicago, IL. The event, which was attended by representatives of the UMSL accreditation team, provided opportunities for participants to learn strategies, techniques, and "best-practices" from HLC executives, veterans of the peer review process, and individuals whose institutions have recently undergone reviews.

Attendance at this conference was critical to our reaccreditation efforts because the HLC review process has changed since our last institutional visit. When UMSL undergoes its reaccreditation visit on November 5-6, 2018, we will be reviewed under what is now called the "Open Pathway." When compared to the Standard and AQIP options, this pathway closely parallels the requirements of our successful reaccreditation effort from our last review.

At the conference, the reaccreditation team had the opportunity to devote a full day to sessions focusing on the criteria for accreditation in the Open Pathway, Federal Compliance, Quality Initiatives, Campus Engagement, Preparing Institutional Finances for Review, and workshops on resources and tools such as the HLC Assurance System. Reports from the leadership team and criterion co-chairs that attended the conference have been unanimously positive. Attendance at the conference paves the way for our success.

Conference attendees included: Paulette Isaac-Savage, Alan Heisel, Bonnie Unal, Curt Coonrod, Yolanda Weathersby, Michael Porterfield, Shawn Woodhouse, and Carol Sholy.

November 5 & 6, 2018