Higher Learning Commission Requirements

Complete College OCCC
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The end of an era
HLC Options

Past Processes

• AQIP Academic Quality Improvement Program
• PEAQ Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality

Current Processes

• AQIP
• Standard Pathway
• Open Pathway
New Beginning-Open Pathway

• Good News 😊
  – No more Self Study

• Bad News?
  – Assurance Argument in year 4
  – Assurance Argument in year 10 and onsite visit
  – Quality Initiative
    • Proposal within years 5 - 7
    • Final report years 7 - 9
Five Criterion

1. Mission
2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support
4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement*
5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness
Assurance Argument File Development

• ~11 member cross functional committee
• Met to collect a list resources for each component (21) and subcomponent (68)
  – Calendar year 2013
• After checking resources and writing a draft, the Committee edited the document
  – September 2014
  – February 2015
Assurance Argument Review

- President’s Cabinet - March
- All faculty and staff - April 13 through May 1
- All Comments due no later than May 15
- President’s Cabinet May 25
- Initiate entering into the assurance system early June 8
- Assurance file locked October
Important Notes

• Maximum 35,000 words (HLC descriptions not included in word count.)
• The document is “sterile”
• Items in blue will be hot linked once they have been placed in the HLC Assurance Argument file.
  – “I” drive under HLC 2015
• Items in red need to be updated – 2 MR
Final Comments

• If you see that a critical document is missing, please:
  – Confirm the source
  – Write a brief paragraph
  – Send the paragraph and source to me

• Send comments to Janet C. Perry – jcperry@occc.edu
Final Comments