Higher Learning Commission Requirements

Complete College OCCC

April 10, 2015

November 5-9, 2011

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