Higher Learning Commission: Where are we?

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Presentation to:
UMKC Faculty Senate

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HLC: What’s it all about?

• 10-year accreditation cycle
• Verifying that institutions meet standards established by peers, evaluated by peers
• Promoting institutional self-knowledge and advancement
• Providing assurance to the public about quality
• Building and maintaining confidence in higher education

Speaking HLC’s language

Assurance argument
• Narrative that builds the case for how the institution meets criteria for accreditation

Evidence
• Organizational artifacts that support claims offered within the assurance argument

Criteria

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

Federal Compliance
Key Benchmarks

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<td>August 2017</td>
<td>Initiate process</td>
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<td>Fall 2017 – Spring 2018</td>
<td>Draft assurance argument; identification and collection of evidence</td>
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<td>Revise assurance argument; categorize and warehouse evidence; editing</td>
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<td>Desk review by 3rd party</td>
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<td>Receive reviewers’ comments</td>
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Key next steps

What we need

Town Halls
March 6, 2p-330p, Pierson Auditorium
May 2, 10a-1130a, HSB 4301

Student Survey

Site Visit
December 2-3, 2019
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