

University Accreditation Committee – Update dated June 28, 2015

I have several updates as promised earlier..

**1. HLC Conference:** HLC invites proposals for presentation at its annual 2016 conference (to be held next April in Chicago). Please see attached HLC Presentation Proposal Submission Guide for more information.

**2. Academy Mentors' Feedback:** We received encouraging feedback from the materials we submitted to HLC's Academy for Student Persistence and Completion. HLC's Academy mentors have provided helpful suggestions and guidance. I look forward to working with Ray, Charles and Tayyab in developing a suitable response in the next phase of our participation in this Academy.

**3. Assurance System Webinar info.** Some of you requested that I send out the information about the webinar one more time. This webinar can be accessed at <http://ncahlc.org/assurancevideo/AA-Open-October-Training/AA-Open-October-Training.html>

**4. Draft HLC Assurance Document:** I visited with the chair of each of five HLC Criterion subcommittees over the past few weeks. Several subcommittees are now using the Google site to move forward on their tasks. Other subcommittees have used the HLC Assurance System.

As indicated in the Gantt chart found in the attached Excel document, each of the HLC Criterion subcommittees will complete a working draft of their respective sections of the Assurance Document by **July 31, 2015**. This includes identifying the source of all evidence documents, and linking those documents as described in the webinar on the HLC Assurance System. Saurabh Katkar, a graduate student at IIT, is available to assist the work of the subcommittees as needed.

The Assurance Document Steering Committee (that includes the chairs of each of the HLC Criterion Subcommittees) will meet in August 2015 to refine the working drafts into a single cohesive Assurance document that will be distributed to you before the first meeting of the NCA Accreditation Committee in Fall 2015.

**5. Chelsea Jackson:** As suggested by David Baker in the April 2015 meeting of the Accreditation Committee, I requested Jeanne Hartig that a representative from her office should review our work on Assurance Document. Jeanne graciously agreed to ask Chelsea Jackson to assist us in this regard in Fall 2015.

**6. Lewis College Representative:** Scott Morris has replaced Kemp Ellington. Welcome back to the committee, Scott!

I will be back in touch with you as soon as I have more updates. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please do let me know. Thank you.

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Chair, University Accreditation Committee