

HLC Steering Committee Newsletter

April 2014

Metropolitan Community College

HLC Criterion Co-Chairs

Metropolitan Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC-NCA). As we prepare for our reaccreditation visit in November 2015, a steering committee has been established. There are five Criteria for Accreditation that are the standard of quality the Commission determines reaffirmation of accreditation. Co-chairs have been appointed for each criterion.

Criterion One - Mission

Michelle Schmiedeler and Chris Kelly

Criterion Two—Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct

Shelli Allen and Jon Burke

Criterion Three—Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support

Mickey McCloud and Kimberly Glackin

Criterion Four—Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement

Cynthia Sexton Proctor and Casey Reid

Criterion Five—Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

Patricia Amick and Karen Moore



HLC Criterion Two- Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct

Criterion Two focuses on evidence that shows MCC acts with integrity and its conduct is ethical and responsible. The Co-Chairs are Shelli Allen, Dean of Students and Enrollment Management, MCC-Maple Woods, and Jon Burke, Dean of Students and Enrollment Management, MCC-Blue River.

The committee is finding evidence that MCC operates with integrity in its financial, academic, personnel, and

auxiliary functions. MCC establishes and follows fair and ethical policies and processes for its governing board, administration, faculty and staff. The committee will also show that MCC presents itself clearly and completely to students and to the public.

It will provide information regarding the governing board and its activities. They will show that MCC is committed to the freedom of expression and the

pursuit of truth in teaching and learning. Finally, this committee will show MCC ensures that faculty, students, and staff acquire, discover, and apply knowledge responsibly.

The committee consists of Shelli Allen, Jon Burke, Beverly Jennings, Anita Leverich, and Tristan Londre.

4th Annual Summer Symposium—July 18th, 2014

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Summer Symposium on Friday, July 18th, 2014. It will be held this year at Maple Woods Campus Center Arbor Room. Coffee and conversation will begin at 8 am with the program starting at 8:30 am.

The program will provide an update on the criterion committees and the

work of the HLC Steering Committee. We hope to have a guest speaker from HLC and we are still working on solidifying these plans. There will be a Flash Five opportunity for disciplines to show off their assessment results and the work the faculty have been doing in the classroom. Initial Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction and Institutional Priority

results will be shared. Finally, the current work of the FOCUS grant will be provided.

Look for more information in the coming months!





Commission Updates—New President of HLC

Barbara Gellman-Danley, president of University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College, has been appointed president of the Higher Learning Commission. She will begin on July 7, 2014.

Gellman-Danley has been president at the University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College since 2009. Prior to that time she served as vice chancellor at the Ohio Board of Regents, president at Antioch University McGregor, vice president at Monroe Community College, and vice chancellor at the Oklahoma State Regents for

Higher Education.

Gellman-Danley has extensive service on numerous national and state boards including the Association of Governing Boards Council of Presidents, the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning Board, Chair of the American Council on Education Commission on Education Attainment and Innovation, the ETS National Community College Advisory Council, the Executive Committee of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, and the Ohio Association of Community Colleges.

Her involvement with the Higher Learning Commission includes serving as a peer reviewer for 10 years.

Gellman-Danley holds a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University, a Master of Library Science from Simmons College, a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University, and a Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Oklahoma. She also did post-graduate work at New York University and earned continuing education from Cornell University, Harvard and the University of Chicago.

New Dual Credit Guidelines for Institutions and Peer Reviewers

The Commission has established guidelines regarding the assurance of academic integrity of dual credit programs and courses at accredited institutions. They will be effective for comprehensive evaluations beginning in September 2014. Based on the findings of a Commission study of dual credit practices in the United States, the guidelines are written to address the scope of

regional accreditation with regard to dual credit programs and courses and are linked to the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation.

Peer reviewers visiting institutions that offer dual credit programs and courses will base their reviews on these guidelines. Reviewers will evaluate whether an institution’s dual credit programs and courses are provided consist-

ently with these guidelines.

Visit this link to review the guidelines and the Commission study results:

<http://www.ncahlc.org/Pathways/dual-credit-programs-and-courses.html>



For More Information

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