

HLC Steering Committee Newsletter

March 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 One—Mission

Michelle Schmiedeler, Internal Communication Manager, at the AC is chairing the mission focus of Criterion One. This criterion establishes that the institution’s mission is clear and articulated publicly and guides the institution’s operations.

The core components examine the following areas about the institution’s mission:

- is broadly understood within the institution and guides its operations.

- is articulated publicly.
- demonstrates commitment to the public good.

This criterion examines development of the mission, MCC’s academic programs, student support services and enrollment profile, and understanding of MCC’s educational role of serving the public.

The Criterion One Mission Committee has the following members: Lynette Jachowicz, Leah Blanton, Kim Poindexter,

Heather Perez, Melissa Giese, Kristy Edmondson and Elizabeth Miller.

The committee recognizes that MCC’s Mission includes its philosophy, vision and purpose statements that can be found on our website at <http://www.mcckc.edu/explore/whatdrivesus/mission/mission.asp>



HLC Criterion One—Diversity

HLC Criterion One has a diversity component. Chris Kelly, Program Coordinator for Supplier Diversity, is leading this area. MCC must provide evidence that the institution understands the relationship between its mission and the diversity of society. The two subcomponents are:

1. The institution addresses its role in a multicultural society.

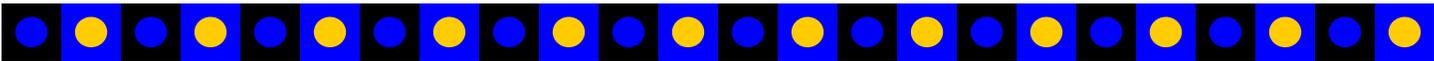
2. The institution’s processes and activities reflect attention to human diversity as appropriate within its mission and for the constituencies it serves.

The Criterion One Diversity committee has the following members: Dachia Scroggins, Jerome Williams, Crystal Johnson, Manuel Solano Duran, Beatriz

Sanchez, Connie Spies and Temeca White.

The committee has been meeting to collect diversity activities and evidence throughout the district and to identify any gaps or challenges.





HLC Criterion Five—Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

For this criterion, MCC must provide evidence that the institution’s resources are sufficient to fulfill our mission and that we’re planning for the future. There are four core components to this criterion.

We must provide evidence to support the following items for this criterion:

- that our resource base supports current educational programs and
- that we have plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future
- that our governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes which enable us to fulfill our mission
- that we engage in systematic and integrated planning
- that we work systematically to improve its performance

The Criterion Five Committee has the following members: Brian Bechtel, Gretchen Blythe, Terry Davin, Rebecca Waner, Patricia Amick (co-chair) and Karen Moore (co-chair).



The 2014 HLC Annual Conference will be held April 10-14 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Conference offers a broad range of sessions and services that include pre-conference workshops, approximately 100 general program sessions, an Exhibit Hall, and an Accreditation Share Fair. Each year, more than 4,000 adminis-

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