

**Day 1: Did you know that next week's Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visiting team visit includes an open session with students?**

The HLC peer review team will be on CMU's campus next Monday and Tuesday with an open session with students scheduled for Monday afternoon in the UC's South Ballroom from 4 to 5 p.m. The team is comprised of six peer reviewers who are faculty, staff, and administrators from other institutions within the 19-state region assigned to the HLC. The team members assigned to CMU are:

Dr. Felix M. Edoho Sr., Evaluation Team Chair  
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Ms. Jennifer L. Bird  
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Dr. Paul J. Hecht  
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Purdue University, North Central (Indiana)

Dr. David Michael Myton  
Associate Provost  
Lake Superior State University (Michigan)

Dr. Karla J. Oty  
Director, Institutional Research, Assessment, and Accountability  
Cameron University (Oklahoma)

Dr. Timothy W. Faltyn  
President  
Oklahoma Panhandle State University (Oklahoma)

While they are on campus, the HLC reviewers will be continuing their evaluation of the evidence that the University has submitted for each criterion and each core component and making one of three judgments for each section:

- met;
- met with concerns; or
- not met.

If all of a given criterion's core components are met, the criterion is considered met. This, obviously, is the desired outcome. If, however, one or more core components of a criterion are met with concerns, the criterion is considered to be met with concerns and the team recommendation will likely be some type of monitoring, such as an interim report or focused

visit, or placing the institution on notice (sanction). If one or more core components are not met, the criterion is considered not met.

Once the 1 ½ day site visit concludes next week, the peer reviewers will compile a draft evaluation report. The peer review report, which includes the team's recommendation on each of the criteria and components, is submitted to HLC following a check for factual accuracy by CMU. Each subsequent decision-making body considers the institutional response as part of the full record of the case, along with the recommendation of the peer review team.

The [Institutional Actions Council \(IAC\)](#) is composed of approximately 90 members representing HLC member institutions and the public who serve four-year terms. The IAC's action is final unless HLC policy requires the Board to take final action. Approximately two weeks after a final action by the IAC or Board of Trustees, an Action Letter is sent to the institution. The Action Letter relays the final action to the institution.

As we prepare to welcome the review team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Steering Committee extends a thank you to the campus community for all of your contributions to the myriad processes, documents, and information as part of this comprehensive evaluation.

#### HLC Assurance Review Steering Committee

Morgan, Bridge, Professor of Business, Chair

Jeremy Brown, Vice President for Information Technology

Carol Futhey, Provost

Jeremy Hawkins, Associate Professor of Kinesiology; Chair, Criterion 2 Committee

John Marshall, Vice President for Student Services

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Randy Phillis, Professor of English; Chair, Criterion 1 Committee

Joe Richards, Professor of Chemistry; Chair, Criterion 5 Committee

Bryan Rooks, Co-Director of Athletics

Bette Schans, Professor of Radiologic Technology and Director of Assessment of Student Learning; Chair, Criterion 4 Committee

Steve Werman, Professor of Biology; Chair, Criterion 3 Committee