HLC Steering Committee – Criterion 1 Assurance Argument

Lock Date September 1st, 2023

Criterion 1 - Tenth Meeting
May 1st, 2023; 2-3pm
Escalante Hall 301

# of Members Present: 12 (44% of members from the entire Criterion 1 Committee were present)

Meeting Minutes

1. Chair Kinney welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 2pm. She provided the following reminders:
   a. The purpose of today's meeting is to review the entire drafted Criterion 1 response
   b. Meeting 10 will be approximately 50 minutes
   c. Lock date for draft is September 1st, 2023
   d. Site visit with HLC is October 2-3rd, 2023
      i. Criterion 1 and 2 committees will meet together to answer questions from HLC site visitors
   e. Summer Goal: Finish up revision comments
      i. Entire draft is 7133; average for Criterion 1 is 5115; 2000 words > average

2. Chair Kinney led the group through the draft and prompted committee members to provide their edits/comments on this draft of Criterion 1 response. Approximately fifteen minutes was spent on discussing each subcomponent of Criterion 1
   a. Draft 1A1-5 (additions/deletions/rewordings)
      i. the committee questioned whether the argument should include information about strategic planning back to 2010
      ii. the committee suggested to include new information about the updated mission. The committee asked Chair Kinney to ask the Steering Committee if we should include the new mission statement verbatim or if this statement should be relayed in the next assurance argument
      iii. the committee brainstormed ways we could justify what we have chosen to do in reference to 1A.2
      iv. the committee suggested updating information about the admission index for 1A3-4. Admission index changed in 2013.
      v. the committee wondered if the renaming of the GOALs program should be reflected in this Assurance Argument or the next one
      vi. the committee discussed where to put information about the MAVILY
      vii. the committee requested updating the numbers of followers on social media; for instance, on Instagram @coloradomesau now has 18K instead of 16K followers (1A.5)
   b. Draft 1B.1-3 (additions/deletions/rewordings)
      i. the committee suggested deleting information about Golden Scholars as it is a small program
      ii. the committee suggested including the Masters in Criminal Justice in the list of newly added graduate programs (1B.1)
      iii. the committee suggested including updated numbers for Student Showcase (from 2022 to 2023)
      iv. the committee suggested including the following information in 1B.1
(Entrepreneurship Day, visits by the Colo. Supreme Court, H.S. and M.S. events, internships, Chamber of Commerce events, Tech Scholars—25% of students at WCCC and Montrose are part of the Tech Scholars program)

v. committee discussed how much budget is spent on instruction (1B2)

vi. committee suggested including information about the increase in the CMU Foundation

vii. committee suggested including information about the decision not to go “D2”

viii. the committee noticed that the intro to 1B.3. repeated itself from content already included

ix. the committee mentioned including information about WCCC lowering tuition to compete with other community colleges in 1B.3 (“Learn for Less” program)

c. Draft 1C.1-3 (additions/deletions/rewordings)

i. the committee felt that assessment of co-curricular activities belonged in Criterion 4

ii. the committee suggested including information about the Daniels Fund, Entrepreneurship Day, updates for Student Showcase, Colo. Supreme Court visit, and revamp of Poli Sci major

iii. the committee noticed that paragraph five repeated information from previous (1C2)

iv. the committee clarified that Council of Exceptional Children is Council for Exceptional Children and revised “developmentally disabled children” to children with developmental disabilities

v. the committee suggested that 1C.3 include information about the CMU Civic Forum, the Chicago Free Speech Statement, emails from Pres. Marshall about free speech, the Landman Speakers Series, the Aspinall Speakers, the Barry Michrina Speakers, the Business Speakers Series, and the Daniels Fund Speakers

3. Next meeting: Fall 2023 to prep for site visit

4. The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm