This series of newsletters reviewed the Higher Learning Commission’s Guiding Values for accreditation, the Criteria for Accreditation, and the Assumed Practices for all accredited institutions. These documents define the objectives and criteria that will guide the team of peer reviewers who will visit Wright State’s campus on March 21 and 22, 2016, for our ten-year comprehensive evaluation. The Reaffirmation of Accreditation Steering Committee and six subcommittees consisting of over 60 faculty, staff, and students have been working for the past two years to create Wright State’s Assurance Argument and Evidence File. These documents provide the background information to prepare the review team for their campus visit. Please join us this Friday for an update on our progress and what to expect in the coming months.

HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Open Forum
October 2, 2015
1:30 – 2:30 Discovery (E163) Student Union

The first of the five criteria requires that “The institution’s mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution’s operations.” The review team will query the Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students about our knowledge of the University mission and our role in helping the University to achieve that mission.

The Wright State Mission is
We transform the lives of our students and the communities we serve. We will:

- build a solid foundation for student success at all levels through high-quality, innovative programs;
- conduct scholarly research and creative endeavors that impact quality of life;
- engage in meaningful community service;
- drive the economic revitalization of our region and our state and empower all of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to develop professionally, intellectually, and personally.

The first bullet defines our goal of developing high quality academic programs and providing an environment in which students can succeed in attaining their educational goals. We take pride in the diversity of our student body and our commitment to affordability and “meeting the students where they are” to provide access to students who might otherwise not have the opportunity to attend college.

Information in the Assurance Argument documenting our commitment to expanding access to higher education include:

- 18% of students who are first generation
- 20% of students who are from underrepresented minorities
- Fourth lowest tuition of Ohio public universities
- Received the 2015 Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement for our sustained and many diverse global community engagement projects
- Named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction in 2013 for fourth consecutive year
- Named a “Military Friendly School” in 2013 by Military Advanced Education (MAE) and Victory Media for fifth straight year
- Wright State University Libraries have ranked among top 100 in the nation for use of social media.
- Rated “Best in the Midwest,” Princeton Review
Listed among 260 Best National Universities in the annual “America’s Best Colleges” rankings by U.S. News and World Report

Information in the Assurance Argument documenting the quality of our academic programs include:

- Nationally Ranked Part-Time MBA Program,” Wright State University’s part-time MBA program has been recognized in the Bloomberg BusinessWeek’s Top Part-Time MBA Program. The national ranking survey considers separate measures of student satisfaction, academic quality and post-graduation outcomes.
- "Best in Nursing," U.S. News & World Report ranked Wright State University’s online Master of Nursing degree as among the best online graduate education programs in the nation in 2013. In its Best Graduate Schools 2014 edition, U.S. News ranked Wright State’s College of Nursing and Health program 38th. It is the top-ranked program in Ohio and ahead of well-known universities such as Michigan State, Ohio State and Georgetown.
- In 2013 and 2014 The Boonshoft School of Medicine was honored with a Top Ten Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) for being among the top medical schools in the nation with the highest percentage of graduates who chose to enter family medicine after graduation.

- The College of Liberal Arts sponsors Learning English for Academic and Professional Purposes (LEAP) and Collaborative Education, Leadership, & Innovation in the Arts (CELIA)
- The School of Music is part of National Association for Music Education (NAFME)
- The Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- The Master of Public Administration is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)

We welcome additional items that support our mission of access and academic quality. Please send additions to this list to Renee Aitken at renee.aitken@wright.edu.