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This is the last in the series of newsletters reviewing 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 Assurance Argument has been submitted and is under review by the visiting team, but we still have an opportunity to prepare by ensuring that all websites and documents in your units are accurate and current. Read the Assurance Argument.

The first of the five criteria requires us to demonstrate the alignment between our mission and our operations: “The institution’s mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution’s operations.” 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 HLC team will expect all members of the Wright State community to be able to share how their role at Wright State supports the mission.

To demonstrate our commitment to meeting the mission, we created a Mission Scorecard and invite you to participate one final time. The purpose of the Scorecard is to enumerate programs, activities, and initiatives from across campus that support our mission. We welcome additional submissions in any of the following categories:
- Access and diversity
- Quality academic programs
- Research and scholarships
- Community engagement
- Economic development

You can submit items to the Mission Scorecard online:

https://www.wright.edu/academic-affairs/accreditation/support-our-mission

or email them to Renee Aitken at renee.aitken@wright.edu. Submissions are accepted in a “Twitter-like” format limited to 200 characters.

In early March, we will be closing down the submission form, reformatting the web page, and linking it to the Wright State homepage to emphasize the scope of activities that support our mission.