



WRIGHT STATE
UNIVERSITY

HLC Focused Visit: Update and Report



HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION

Many Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who has risen with our challenges in preparing for our focused visit!

- Faculty
- Staff
- Committees
- Department Chairs & Program Directors
- Fellow Administrators



commitment

Everyone's commitment and willingness to pitch in has kept us on track and on schedule.

- Committee meetings (UCC & GCC)
- Other meetings (Teams, phone, email, cell, text)
- Professional development
- Webinars

It Takes a Team

Initially, we were given only 154 days to complete 2.25 years of work*

You've all been incredibly supportive, and I couldn't be more grateful to you!

(*not previously completed)



We're Almost There



- The HLC visit has been rescheduled for April 24th & 25th, 2023.
- We will have a first draft of the Focused Visit Report out for everyone to review by the first week of Feb.

What to Expect in the Report

- We have made progress and can report a great deal of momentum.
- However, a focused visit report is not like a standard assurance argument.
- Every focused argument must be based on evidence, or proof that we have done what we say we did.
- To be honest, our puzzle still has some missing pieces.
- We must be transparent about where evidence doesn't exist or where we haven't closed certain loops.

Our Report Must

- Accurately describe our challenges.
- Explain what we're doing to address our challenges.
- Describe what we'll do going forward to restore our institution to full compliance.
- We must be
 - **Factual**
 - **Transparent**
 - **Truthful**



Disclosure: We're investigating the purchase of technological platforms that will expand and empower the Watermark products we already use.

What to expect for our focused visit

- HLC will meet with:
 - Students
 - Board of Trustees
 - Faculty
 - Faculty Senate
 - The Core Oversight Committee
 - Administration
 - Institutional Research
 - Lake Campus
 - Registrar's Office
 - Others (TBD)
- HLC will ask specific questions regarding criteria 4B and 5C.
- HLC also operates by the philosophy, “*see something, say something.*”
- And if they see something they will ask questions.

February, 2023

- The report will be posted for public review and comment (please participate!).
- We will schedule listening sessions regarding the report and we look forward to your participation.
- Our final report must be submitted to HLC by February 27th, 2023, no later than 12:00pm, noon.

By February 27th, 2023

- Our Assessment & Accreditation website will be completed for the focused visit.
- Our documentation and evidence will be publicly available—and available to HLC.
- Our final focused visit report will also be posted.

After the focused visit

- Depending upon HLC's determinations about how we go forward.
 - We must perform as HLC prescribes.
- Of course, we need to collaborate in redesigning our campus-wide assessment efforts and systems in preparation for our reaffirmation visit in August of 2026.

I'm very optimistic!

- *“If it weren't for dreams we'd still be on the ground!”*
- The collaborations we've already experienced, the rapport we've already established, and everything we've learned...



Three goals. One team.

