

Operational Assembly

- Mike Garrity reported that the group is updating its goals and purpose statement and will review Criteria 1 of the HLC Assurance Argument this month.

Academic Senate

- Michael Flaherty reported that the Academic Senate bylaws are updated on the Senate website. Also, subcommittee Chairs will provide their meeting schedules and membership lists so they can be updated online. Lastly, the Academic & Scholastic Standards Committee is putting forth a recommendation to Vice President Baker that would change the finals to the last regular class time.

Student Success

- Shelley Tiwari provided a report on structured professional development for Adjunct Faculty that will help them feel part of the academic community, and impact their teaching for student success. Training for less experienced hires was recommended as a resource.

Council Subcommittee Update

- The subgroup formed last month to identify strategies and efforts to outreach and engage with the campus community and prepare for the HLC visit reported as follows. The group discussed sharing the argument with the college in the fall and prepping the college for the visit in the spring. Strategies for sharing include open forums, a College Hour, targeting specific areas of the Argument to specific stakeholders, and focusing on the TCSA with student-specific messaging.

Assurance Argument – Criteria 5

- Council provided their thoughts on the content and clarity of this chapter. Comments included that the chapter effectively explains the budget and decision making changes and the situation with the state budget. It effectively outlines governance structure changes made by College Council and how Council operates. It was mentioned that changes that occur between now and the end of the year will have to be included before the document is sent to the Higher Learning Commission.
- Now that all of the Criteria have been through Council's review, the document will be compiled and made available to the college community on the website, and also through different outreach efforts.

Collective Campus Input Report: Campus Feedback

- This month's topic is: a safe way to provide anonymous input. A small group is now brainstorming this issue, as well as exploring how this relates to institutional trust and campus climate. Since it is felt that open dialogue and personal connections build trust, the group will be working on both issues and hopes to have a proposal to implement by spring.

Council Webpage

- President Moore asked for Council's thoughts on the current College Council webpage. The calendar on the page, which was planned to have all the shared governance structure meetings, has not been utilized, and is now outdated. Council members like the idea of having a centralized spot for this information, but if it were not there, links should be provided to the meeting schedules. The Council webpage was felt to contain a lot of information, but the layout prevents it from being a good resource. A subgroup might be developed to explore improvements.