

HLC Fact of the Day:
“HLC Assurance Argument: Subcomponent 5B2”
(with specific focus on “Student Voice”)
(October 20, 2017)

In the HLC Criteria for Accreditation, Subcomponent 5B2 says:

The institution has and employs policies and procedures to engage its internal constituencies—including its governing board, administration, faculty, staff, and students—in the institution’s governance.

In our Assurance Argument that has been submitted to HLC, and in support of the 5B2 standard, this is what we say regarding “Student Voice”:

Student Voice

The Lindenwood Student Government Association (LSGA) on the St. Charles campus meets regularly and is constituted of a five-member executive board, a seven-member student senate, representatives from all student organizations, student-at-large members, the Campus Activities Board Representative, Residence Hall Association Representative, LSGA Advisors, and two LSGA standing committees. This association considers all proposals from students. The LSGA President meets regularly with the President and attends Board of Directors meetings and other faculty and staff meetings as requested. LSGA Officers (Senators and Executive Board) serve on a number of committees at the university, including, but not limited to, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Assessment Committee, and Parking Committee.

The efforts of the LSGA have resulted in a number of initiatives being brought to fruition over the past few years, including: increased campus safety measures such as more lighting and crosswalks, addition of commuter meal plans, a Tobacco Free Campus policy created via an LSGA bill, extended visitation hours, improved WiFi, and installation of sand-volleyball courts, water-bottle refill stations, dorm air-conditioning, and hand dryers in some restrooms on campus.

Student government is also active on the Belleville campus. LBSGA executives serve on a number of committees throughout the system and have accomplished numerous improvements to the Belleville campus. Dining services changes, Fitness Center updates, television monitors for announcements around campus, fitness classes offered, and increased residential visitation hours were all implemented as a result of the work of LBSGA.

To learn more about accreditation and Lindenwood’s comprehensive evaluation and site visit scheduled for November 6-7, 2017 (November 3 in Belleville), and to see the countdown clock to the visit, go to the HLC page on the Lindenwood website here: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/about/higher-learning-commission/>.

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