

HLC Fact of the Week:
“We Need Volunteer Reviewers of our HLC Assurance Argument”
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Would you like to be a reviewer of our HLC Assurance Argument draft and provide feedback? If so, please indicate your interest in an e-mail to Marianne Peacock at MPeacock@lindenwood.edu. There are several ways you can get involved in this effort – you can volunteer to be an online reader or an Open Forum reader.

(1) If you volunteer to be an online reader, we will send you sections to review. If you desire, you can stipulate which criteria or specific sections you would like to review. If you have a special interest or expertise in a particular criterion and only want to review that part of the Assurance Argument, that is fine. You can volunteer to review for us as little or as much of the Assurance Argument as you would like.

(2) You can also volunteer to be an Open Forum reader. At an Open Forum, we will provide sections of a specific Criterion chapter for you to review. The first such Open Forums will be held on the **St. Charles campus** on February 21 from 12-1pm in Roemer 217 and on February 23 from 4-5pm in MAB 301. Similar sessions will be held on the **Belleville campus** on February 24 from 11-12 noon and from 12-1pm. Both of those sessions will be held in L115. At all of these sessions next week, sections of Criterion 1 will be available for review. In the HLC Criteria for Accreditation, Criterion 1 addresses Mission: “The institution’s mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution’s operations.” Whether you serve as an online reader or an Open Forum reader, you can help us in such ways as noting any inaccuracies in the Assurance Argument or thinking of things that should be said that were not said.

As you may recall from prior “HLC Facts”, we are preparing the Assurance Argument for our upcoming comprehensive evaluation and site visit by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission, our regional accrediting body. The Assurance Argument covers five criteria or standards of quality by which HLC determines whether an institution merits accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation. For your convenience, here is a link to those five criteria: [HLC Criteria for Accreditation](#).

Let us hear from you! We need and value your feedback!

To learn more about accreditation and Lindenwood’s comprehensive evaluation and site visit scheduled for November 6-7, 2017, 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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