

# Leading a Campus Team to Navigate Through the Accreditation Review

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# Session objectives

- Describe how to gain broad campus involvement
- Evaluate various activities that could be tailored to help prepare for accreditation
- Recommend best practices

# Brief overview

- Transition from PEAQ to Open Pathway
- 10-year assurance review
- Preparing the evidence file and assurance argument

# Our challenge

- Institutional context
  - Broad institutional mission
  - Strong shared governance
  - Highly unionized workforce

# Where we started

- Identify who will be the final authors of the assurance argument (sub-committee chairs)
- Identify key faculty, staff, administrators to be included in evidence gathering (sub-committee members)
- Develop a timeline for sub-committee work

# Get key personnel involved

- Membership on sub-committee
- Start meeting with them regularly at least 1 year before review
- Ask them to update others regularly

# Break it down

- Divide criteria and evidence gathering among committee members
- Encourage initial brainstorming sessions
- Move from simple to complex when evaluating criteria and sub-components
- Others can gather evidence AND write statements

# Communication is key

- Regular meetings
- Keep administration updated often
- Encourage broad faculty involvement
- Consider web-presence for internal and external campus community





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## Our Accreditation



2016 HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Process  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

 Ask a Question

ACCREDITED

HIGHER  
LEARNING  
COMMISSION

Link to the [Assurance Argument Document](#)  
The visit to our campus: **March 28-29, 2016**

# Stick to a timeline

- At 1 ½ years out, back up planning process
- Include timeline in regular communication with stakeholders and committee members
- Remember to celebrate accomplishments

# Lessons Learned: Best Practices

- Seek out champions
- Create champions through committee service
- Communicate early and often and in multiple ways
- Have a timeline and follow it

# Guided discussion

- Examples of what has worked well for others?
- Pros/Cons of broad involvement
- Other activities to consider
  - Mock review

# Questions?

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