

# Process and Timeline for Reaccreditation with the Higher Learning Commission

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# Higher Learning Commission

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- One of seven regional accrediting bodies
- Oversight for 19 states
- Jefferson's last comprehensive visit – March 2009
- Receipt of maximum 10-year reaccreditation since 1969

# Open Pathway Model

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- Assurance System
  - Assurance Argument
  - Evidence File
  - Federal Compliance Filing
- Institutional Improvement
  - Quality Initiative

# Assurance Argument

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- Replacement of the self-study
- Documentation of how the Criteria for Accreditation and Core Components are met
- Analytical and evaluative; supported by evidence
- Strong focus on assessment and quality assurance

# Assurance Argument Task Force

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- Criterion One: Mission
  - Paul Ferber and Bill Sansagraw
- Criterion Two: Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
  - Ken Boning and Lisa Pritchard
- Criterion Three: Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support
  - Connie Kuchar and Niki Vogelsang
- Criterion Four: Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
  - Shanie Latham and Kenny Wilson
- Criterion Five: Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness
  - Trish Aumann and Allan Wamsley

# Evidence File

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- Replacement of the Resource Room
- Examples of evidence:
  - College publications
  - Academic policies and procedures
  - Meeting minutes
  - Institutional assessments
  - Financial reports and audits
  - Annual reports
  - Survey results

# Assurance Argument Timeline

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- AY2016
  - Convene Assurance Argument Task Force and subcommittees
  - Develop criterion outlines
  - Collect evidence
- AY2017
  - Prepare criterion chapters
- AY2018
  - Compile, review, and finalize Assurance Argument

# Federal Compliance Filing

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- Documentation of how Jefferson meets federal compliance requirements
- Examples of federal compliance requirements:
  - Credit hour worksheet
  - Transfer policies
  - Title IV program responsibilities
  - Verification of student identity



# Federal Compliance Filing Timeline

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- AY2016
  - Convene Federal Compliance Task Force
  - Share draft Federal Compliance matrix
  - Prepare narratives for each federal requirement
- AY2017
  - Finalize Federal Compliance matrix
  - Draft Federal Compliance report
  - Prepare credit hour worksheet
- AY2018
  - Compile, review, and finalize Federal Compliance report

# Quality Initiative

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- To implement an attendance/participation tracking system to collect required data for Federal Financial Aid regulations and leverage the institutional committee structure to analyze data and submit action plans to implement student retention initiatives.
- Five-year initiative
- Phases

# Quality Initiative Timeline

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- AY2016
  - Host strategic planning retreat to discuss implementation of the Learning Analytics Processor (LAP)
  - Develop outreach initiatives
- AY2017
  - Implement the LAP
  - Identify at-risk students and perform intervention
  - Share progress updates with institutional committees
- AY2018
  - Evaluate the Quality Initiative
  - Prepare and submit Jefferson's Quality Initiative report

# Questions/Comments

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