**From Email to All Faculty (on 10.9.20 from Sarah Pessin; subject header was: “Vote Result + Save the date-10.16@11-1: Special Senate Meeting + NCR volunteer + HLC overview/links”)**

**A quick 'one-stop-shop' re: the HLC process and documents**

* DU is undergoing its re-accreditation in the coming days through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
* Many have been working on the HLC report (in five sections, or 'criteria') for quite a while; this was run out of Jennifer Karas' office and involved many faculty and Senators.
  + For some of the faculty involved (there were also others, including the FSEC!), [scroll down on this page and you can see the initial committee members listed](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/email.mg.ca.regroup.com/c/eJwlTkuuwyAQO03YBQUCJCxYvErtPSZ8EqQ0g_i8XL9U9YxkjWVr7IyfbAASDZ_4xPp0CLlQRp8re4gn11I9NH-tchDTe6cWaPZ7xpaoxTc5zCYFLLanLcCi-RI2sQYtZwZSC68UOc1RayrD_DfwV9_7vqlr1LvWD9iw1c7Y8nh6cD6XI6avEEK0fkwZ_7F8HWBt9i5WqBGvgc9QSstwdc-OcBaSTYEMB02-lHj1sr8fpJqKKdqRqVlx9gFTVUuq__;!!NCZxaNi9jForCP_SxBKJCA!EUWhkoEdqfv9s--yn30iclcDYkernTevXeDpiNTo4CutPdmkRAkubu3FsbQOpzbH$).
* The five section or "criteria" of the report are:
  + **Criterion 1: Mission**
    - The institution’s mission is clear and articulated publicly; it guides the institution’s operations.
  + **Criterion 2: Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct**
    - The institution acts with integrity; its conduct is ethical and responsible.
  + **Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support**
    - The institution provides high quality education, wherever and however its offerings are delivered.
  + **Criterion 4: Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement**
    - The institution demonstrates responsibility for the quality of its educational programs, learning environments, and support services, and it evaluates their effectiveness for student learning through processes designed to promote continuous improvement.
  + **Criterion 5: Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness**
    - The institution’s resources, structures, and processes are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to future challenges and opportunities. The institution plans for the future.
* The "report" sections are made of "assurance arguments": i.e. for each criterion, your colleagues who have helped write this section over many many months and with input from across campus set out to make the case that DU is performing and growing in the area in question.
* The HLC team will be meeting with various groups on campus over a few days (Oct. 19-20, mostly on Zoom) and will be asking questions in relation to the materials DU has submitted to make the case for each of the above five criteria
* **Therefore, it would be very helpful if faculty could take a few minutes to review AT LEAST the materials that DU has submitted in relation to CRITERION 3 and CRITERION 4.**
  + [Here is the direct link to the page with all the Criteria documents; click on Criterion 3 and Criterion 4](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/email.mg.ca.regroup.com/c/eJwlTjsOwyAUO03YivgEAgNDI7X3eHq8NEhNgoA01y9qbQ-2B8sxkMAFWApKKCE7O0YzcckfTs7jQ3ljZ6-ezgyj2F4cgRd6lePMHI-NrUFLdNKh0UIv4CHi5BZvSQB5siNI9g5ra7kO-j6oZ9d1XTyenOLZAyBE2hLWn8dCMTVo6dh7_qSa2i0XylB-HSuhdrvyTLWmvR_677AW2pET3qTVVskvqp9CAA__;!!NCZxaNi9jForCP_SxBKJCA!EUWhkoEdqfv9s--yn30iclcDYkernTevXeDpiNTo4CutPdmkRAkubu3FsSMl-kSP$).
* Faculty are invited to join the HLC visitors for a 50 minute **faculty-only session on Monday 10.19@4:10-5:00 (zoom link below)**
* While all points of view are welcome, it is helpful if faculty take a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the materials that DU (working with a number of faculty and Senators) has submitted to HLC where we makie the case that we deserve to be re-accredited.
  + In that spirit:
    - Derigan and I are running a **"meeting before the meeting" prep session on Friday 10.16@1-1:45. (Zoom link below)**
    - In preparation, have a look at Criteria 3 and 4 (see link above).
    - In preparation, you can also review the questions (attached)
    - Also, here is a 6-minute video on some assessment pointers that might be helpful to think about should they ask questions about how you are assessing DU's and your program's progress in certain areas:
      * [Zoom video](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/email.mg.ca.regroup.com/c/eJwNjz1vgzAYhH8NbLFsgw0MDERAVSr1K2HJEhn7TaACDLYpKr--vjvdSbc9KgcsHyIccoopJt5eMUsQQVVKznFFM8bPGa1TFsR4eiIpkIGn0duCpJ7CPscSmOxUyrouE8AFE13MY5ZlneIQJTgc8965xQZREdDaZ1Mw_4JBh9YT2qx_DEjfthcG_FLm0nYvLrd53P4-yMuK9_ZxXL77G63KpPoalTSxvOv18i4KA1WTUL7Cz6Hemtfj1LRIV6W8pmo346odGT-DqLZOGHcdJgiiknBMOOOEZB41NLkVRvRoAWuH2TOqDYHaQpc7vQzyRHjEKfkHAlRbFw__;!!NCZxaNi9jForCP_SxBKJCA!EUWhkoEdqfv9s--yn30iclcDYkernTevXeDpiNTo4CutPdmkRAkubu3FsSVmuZ35$): Assessment in a Box /Passcode: +t?w56Za
    - Lastly, we have been asked to remind faculty of the difference between the DU "vision" and the DU "mission" as outlined here: [https://www.du.edu/about/mission-vision-values](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/email.mg.ca.regroup.com/c/eJwlTt0KhSAYe5q8O-JflhdenKDe40uthErx5_T6R2gbjDEGs9oRswHymhFGaGOD6AdM8TzSScxM9XJSbBn7TpBrxwZwcnsKNWITLnRoAM7dQDbrlLFglDA9UWYkUqpBcraiUx-lxNzxb8eWpud5sK3Y2doCrKGW5pfP2Yf78_OvwVldRklnSHDg6Fp7twPvDhVdQvTmQyWXjP4Bsmc8Dw__;!!NCZxaNi9jForCP_SxBKJCA!EUWhkoEdqfv9s--yn30iclcDYkernTevXeDpiNTo4CutPdmkRAkubu3FsQrSh1GC$)
      * Vision: The University of Denver will be a great private university dedicated to the public good.
      * Mission: The mission of the University of Denver is to promote learning by engaging with students in advancing scholarly inquiry, cultivating critical and creative thought, and generating knowledge. Our active partnerships with local and global communities contribute to a sustainable common good.

**Zoom links for the two faculty HLC meetings:**

* **Friday 10.16.20; 1pm-1:45pm: "Meeting before the Meeting Prep Session!"**: [https://udenver.zoom.us/j/83162032688?from=msft](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/email.mg.ca.regroup.com/c/eJxlUcmyozAM_JrkBmVjsx04QIZlEh7ZHlm4UMY4LAmEmDXv6x-5zGWkLh3UXa2SlBoM0BtZFoYEJADnnAPLqghFW4MWtiVdVixdcjR5gUGViZSInGX82TcifVbL3EgwoTAFCCkIyapGyY2oSgoTWUYawbq-fBh51zXtApkLyZnR80fKbqxu2cdhbgxoLnH8Uf0TsYoUD_G_eTNDP-x6DEre9dPK3Ju-5vav8Qz7aNxHHp1uupUOXhR-Z61X1G89seeVRmjn_tsZwoPvPEER4PboXl3zp7wpuyBXeS4Ab6xP1q5ao5VdNQosrS2OfMmrDpUTgEprHen8PoY_RXhk8naoLleurIW3XgN06FWfT9EfINzBKb7z9VfQnIZC090zO_BdwEDCT_c81GnXK_zlOW5NcSgNnqK-9mZYuerLvWiCiTDOaLzfDtP3kMTxAlkLCc4IVtFEgkIvnSdf7eLjZG3Wq_lQ0KXR8Tqmes2nS_jXJtlDU1UfN7KfhdGJnbdDKaDx2igyGe12ZyUbVub3dPNlV5wN6WyBl9xoCSe52LC2Ler5yWkvsrRfdkb3bAoqQAUpEvwF90Gu1g__;!!NCZxaNi9jForCP_SxBKJCA!EUWhkoEdqfv9s--yn30iclcDYkernTevXeDpiNTo4CutPdmkRAkubu3FsexMKJP6$)
* **Monday 10.19.20, 4:10-5pm: HLC Faculty Meeting**: [https://udenver.zoom.us/j/82408343744](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/email.mg.ca.regroup.com/c/eJxlUcmyokAQ_Bq9SdANNHDgALKMLCIyrheigUbgsTeI-vUPL3OZqow6VGZkRlSlCmGTDK8LBbKQBUsvxQsiAxhDAhpvQFlAmgxNSVjxbP1gEswM5DG0U8ckbb3OFV7KMIExRCKXwBjLqZhkHORjVogRIGK2rpR8HDu64tQVNBdMQ5WSjDSUfB2WxZNbRhR9Vf9EpMZFxfyXtzDJl7XnfRlTf36rnupKdeyevPSxu1uHQdLn4_SDWtu4BX6UddZUjdNEApP_-C08UrbXrPRPZ7L6q59HLoxQSDfueMy2f5-WEJxegW1e3xeo11oCCMENCP3G3t5wBd-nt4V2bqcCr3aeh0bEMgIw9UWPR2p1ieWQt7OP2rNEuHKt7nilTSda9Js8V39gfz2TEsr9zqk7jshCvdnbOhvoUWCcm_KWRNGK01YQLNhv7y-8L-TSbIftIQpfmmNvl8MAK7mHtzmVm-F1Pe0M_KgkUXT5TnAfp_uZXPxnueHmW4cEPBv0oMUOKfOf1PHMCHwqcfHm14NC8YBzpiOUFs3y1HRiSDqtR2VsuyLZAMQhCH4BNlCpnQ__;!!NCZxaNi9jForCP_SxBKJCA!EUWhkoEdqfv9s--yn30iclcDYkernTevXeDpiNTo4CutPdmkRAkubu3FsSQEzmp6$)