

REAFFIRM 2018-2019

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Central Ohio Technical College



January 12, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

All members of the Central Ohio Technical College community are urged to read the draft criterion chapters of the college's Assurance Argument and the Multi-campus report and pass along their feedback. The college-wide review period will be a three-week period running from **January 12 through February 4, 2018**.

The review manuscripts for each of the criterion chapters and the multi-campus report are available in printed format in the library or online at <http://www.cotc.edu/Communities/Pages/Reaffirmation---HLC.aspx>.

The College is required to prepare the Assurance Argument document and the Multi-campus report as part of our upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) comprehensive evaluation and visit. As you know, COTC is scheduled for our 10-year HLC reaccreditation visit in November 2018. The purpose of the Assurance Argument is to provide the Commission with the assurance that the college continues to meet the Criteria for Accreditation. The Criteria are broad statements of areas of fundamental interest to the Commission. The Criteria are applied not to define minimum qualifications but to seek evidence of continual improvement, aspiration, and best practices; minimum standards are not enough. The Multi-Campus Report addresses each of our extended campuses and is prepared to assure the Commission of the quality of COTC's extended campus operations and education programs in meeting the needs of our defined constituencies and to assure the capacity to sustain that quality. As you read and respond to these document, we ask that you consider whether the text within the Assurance Argument is current and affirms that we substantially meet the criteria and that the Multi-campus report accurately reflects the level and quality of services provided at our extended campuses.

Please submit your feedback on the respective reports directly to Jackie or Lauri as indicated below:

Submit feedback to Dr. Jackie Parrill via email (Parrill.9@osu.edu), telephone (740-366-9407), in writing, or in person (Room 1014B, Founders Hall) for:

- [Criteria 1 – Mission](#)
- [Criteria 2 – Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct](#)
- [Criteria 5 – Resources, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness](#)
- [Multi-campus Report](#)

Submit feedback to Dr. Lauri White via email (white.2651@cotc.edu), telephone (740-366-9350), in writing, or in person (Room 50C, Hopewell Hall) for:

- [Criteria 3 – Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources, & Support](#)
- [Criteria 4 – Teaching & Learning: Evaluation & Improvement](#)

The final report that emerges will go to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in October 2018, as part of the HLC's required reaffirmation process. After that, faculty and administrators at other HLC institutions will conduct an on-site evaluation on November 26 and 27, 2018, and make their own report. Individuals and groups will be able to meet with the peer consultant-evaluators then to offer further comments. Finally, the Commission will review the Assurance Argument to make recommendations about the College's accreditation status and areas needing improvement.

We are confident that through these required reports and the site visit, the visiting team will have the assurance that COTC continues to meet the Criteria for Accreditation. Many of you participated in skunkworks sessions over the past year and were instrumental in the collection of this information. *Thank you* to all of the members of the skunkworks teams for their time and commitment in developing these review documents.

Please return your comments to us no later than February 4th. We look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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