

NOTES  
SHARED GOVERNANCE FORUM  
MARCH 27, 2018  
3:00-4:00  
R300

ADMINISTRATION TOPIC: "THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION"  
WITH VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DR. BRYON CLARK

1. Attendance was, unfortunately, very sparse; by the FS Chair's count, there were 11 people present.
2. Dr. Clark provided a detailed description of the 10-year cycle that Southeastern is on with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and supplied a four-page handout that guided his description and clarified terms for the participants.
3. The delivery "lockdown date" for Southeastern's Assurance Report to HLC is May 14.
3. There are some immediate takeaways for the faculty and Faculty Senate:
  - a. It is time to begin thinking in terms of "year 5" of the process, the "Quality Initiative Process."
  - b. Southeastern will have need of an Accreditation Liaison Officer, appointed by the President to receive all the communications from HLC that the President of the University receives.
  - c. Southeastern will also need a "Data Update Coordinator," a position that is active approximately every quarter in uploading standardized data to HLC.
  - d. SE will need an Ombudsperson to deal with all "non-HLC related" issues.
  - e. HLC Peer reviewers are solicited. These are tenured faculty who will not be retiring before 2024. The Administration covers the cost of required training and workshops. An institution our size would do well with five (5) peer reviewers; we currently have only two, and one of those will be retiring in the not-too-distant future.