

Shared Governance Forum #1 AY 2019-2020
September 30, 2019, 2:00 pm
Russell 300

Attendance: approximately 39

Speaker: Associate Vice President for Accreditation and Assessment (AVPAA), Dr. Teresa Golden, *HLC Quality Initiative Proposal* (topic chosen by the Administration)

Welcome: Randy Clark, Faculty Senate Chair

Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Bryon Clark comments:

October 11th is President Burrage's last day and that is also the date for the next scheduled RUSO board meeting at SOSU. The presidential search process is on the agenda. Timeframe: Dr. Clark will serve as *interim president*, and stay at SOSU longer than he had anticipated, planning for retirement on May 1, 2020 and will work through May 10th. If a new president is in place, either one can do the commencement exercises. RUSO will try to honor this commitment. Dr. Clark will move into the president's office this fall. Dr. Golden is currently the AVPAA and has been recommended as VPAA as of October 12, 2019. Enrollment looks good and may be a little over the budgeted student credit hours. There will be a process for incoming VPAA.

Five things for HLC:

Annual update submitted electronically

Comprehensive visit (2014-2015 visit was successful)

Assurance Argument – Open Pathways in year four

Quality Initiative Proposal – between year 6 and year 7; August 2021 due date

Comprehensive Visit – year 10

AVPAA Dr. Teresa Golden presentation ([PowerPoint Presentation Outline](#)):

Open Pathways requires a Quality Initiative (QI) – one major improvement effort during 10-year accreditation cycle.

Year 4: Assurance Review – completed

Years 5-7: Quality Initiative Proposal, due August 31, 2021

Years 7-9: Quality Initiative Report

Year 10: Comprehensive Evaluation

QI can take one of three forms:

- 1) institution designs and proposes its own based on initiatives and needs
- 2) institution designs and proposes based on a suggested list

3) institution chooses to participate in an HLC facilitated program – Assessment Academy and Student Success Academy

Discussions so far:

PACE – ruled out due to length (Pedagogy, Advising and Curricular Excellence)

Executive Team meeting

Department Chair meeting

On campus HLC peer-reviewers – Dr. Cotter-Lynch, Dr. Daigle, Dr. Hardy

Outreach Campus Coordinators

Faculty Senate Forum

Open up the floor for thoughts and ideas:

- Who makes the decision? Person in charge of assessment and accreditation
- This is new – Open Pathways idea; suggestions from other universities; Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software implementation at a sister university
- Advisement might be a better option for SOSU.
- Our online programs might be a good area to analyze especially since that is where our greatest growth is. This might also open up ideas for advisement of online students.
- Teaching, and assessment of teaching in the area of online learning
- Kristie Luke – Colleague (new ERP) will have “Student Planning” which will help guide students through their degree plan (a visual guide to keep them on track for graduation).
- Is there an advising template for an eight-semester plan? Kristie will look.
- The School of Business has an eight-semester template on the back of the *degree sheet*.
- HLC will look to see if quality and rigor is consistent across face-to-face, hybrid and online modes of instruction.
- Dr. Golden can send out a survey to see what issues need to be addressed and will also talk with the Staff Association.

Next Shared Governance Forum (topic chosen by the Faculty Senate: November 12, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting ended at 2:55 p.m.

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