Public Notification of Opportunity to Comment

1. Determine what constituencies should receive the notice of opportunity to comment. These groups should include students, parents, alumni, taxpayers, donors, community groups, local businesses.

2. Determine what media the institution will use to solicit comments. Local newspapers, institutional websites, and alumni magazines are appropriate choices. The notices should reach all constituencies but should not unduly burden the institution.

   The notices should include: the purpose and dates of the visit, the institution's accreditation status with the Higher Learning Commission, an invitation to send written, signed comments directly to the Commission, and contact information for the Commission.

   The notices should specify that comments must be sent to the Commission no later than four weeks before the start of the visit.

3. Publish the notices of the visit following the prescribed format; see the Procedure on Third Party Comments.

4. The institution must send copies of its notices to the Commission in .pdf format to legalaffairs@hlcommission.org at least a month before the comprehensive evaluation visit. Commission staff will compile the comments and the notices and send them to the evaluation team and to the institution three weeks prior to the visit. The Commission will also review and forward comments received after the deadline lapses and even during the visit, as third party comments are an important part of the comprehensive evaluation visit process.

5. In cases where comments are of a sensitive nature, the Commission staff will ensure that the commenter is aware that comments are typically forwarded to the institution and the evaluation team with identifying information intact. In some cases, Commission staff may redact the identifying information of the commenter or summarize the comment.

In compliance with HLC Policy on Public Notification of Opportunity to Comment, Westminster College has provided notice to the public and to the college community through the following means:

1. Website notification. The notice was posted on Westminster's main website (http://www.westminster-mo.edu) and Westminster news website (http://news.westminster-mo.edu).

2. Fall, 2014 Leadership Magazine notification. The magazine is distributed to 11,000 alumni and community members.

3. Notification on Westminster's Facebook page.

4. Notification through the Fulton Sun, a local newspaper.

Copies of Westminster's notices are attached.
Westminster Seeks Comments in Prep for HLC Visit

By Westminster College | on Oct 12, 2014 | 0 Comment

Westminster College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation and regional accrediting agency. The College will host a visit January 26-27, 2015 with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Westminster College has been accredited by the Commission since 1913. The team will review the Institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments publicly regarding the college. Public Comment on Westminster College, The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411.

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's Web site at www.ncalrc.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing. All comments must be received by December 26, 2014.

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Accreditation - Westminster College - Fulton, Missouri

Westminster College is a member of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and is regionally accredited by HLC. The Commission’s web site is http://www.higheredlearningcommission.org/ and their phone number is 800.661.7440.

Westminster is currently in the Open Pathway and is due for its next comprehensive evaluation visit on January 26-27, 2015.

Westminster’s statement of affiliation status with HLC can be found at: http://www.higheredlearningcommission.org/component/content/article/14666/

Institutional contacts are:
Fulton, MO campus: Dr. Carolyn Perry, Senior Vice-President and Dean of Faculty, (573) 592-5212 or by email at: Carolyn.Perry@westminster-mo.edu

In preparation for our HLC periodic evaluation, Westminster seeks comments from the public about the college.
More information on how to submit comments

Quality Assurance Process

Westminster College is a Pathways Cohort #3 Institution and recently engaged in a quality assurance process to evaluate the Lumina Foundation’s Degree Qualifications Profile. Below are links to Westminster’s Quality Initiative Report and HLC’s approval of our Quality Initiative Project:

- Westminster’s Quality Initiative Report
- HLC’s approval of our Quality Initiative Project
- Executive Summary of Westminster’s Quality Initiative Report

Draft Assurance Arguments

- Criterion 1 Assurance Argument
- Criterion 2 Assurance Argument
- Criterion 3 Assurance Argument
- Criterion 4 Assurance Argument
- Criterion 5 Assurance Argument

Comprehensive Evaluation Process

Westminster will host an HLC accreditation team on January 26-27. The team will evaluate the evidence that Westminster meets the five criteria for accreditation, and all associated core components of those criteria, and meets the criteria for Federal Compliance. The criteria for accreditation and membership on assurance committees is found below.

Criteria for Accreditation
Assurance Committee and Criterion Subcommittees

2. Carrie (Rogers) Prysock, ’00, and husband Michael welcomed Samuel Bear Rogers Prysock on January 28, 2014. The family resides in Dallas, TX where Carrie is the director of Government Affairs for the North Texas Tollway Authority.

3. Ryan O’Reilly, ’01, and wife Brandi welcomed Hadley Ryan O’Reilly on April 17, 2014. Hadley joins older sister Clara, age 2. The family resides in Springfield, MO where Ryan is a writer and farmer. Hadley is the nephew of Tim O’Reilly, ’90.


5. Joe, ’09, and Lauren (Brohammer), ’10, Flaugher welcomed Aurora Katherine Flaugher on January 21, 2014. The family resides in Fulton, MO where Lauren teaches English to speakers of other languages with Hawthorne Elementary School in Mexico, MO and Joe is a system support specialist with Missouri Credit Union in Columbia, MO.

**Notice: Westminster Seeks Comments in Preparation for HLC Visit in January**

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The public is invited to submit comments in writing regarding the college: Public Comment on Westminster College, The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411.

The public may also submit comments on the Commission’s Web site at www.ncahlc.org. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing. All comments must be received by December 26, 2014.

**SHARE YOUR NEWS...**

We encourage you to submit your latest news to be published in the Class News & Notes section of Leadership Magazine. Emailed photos should be taken in at least 300 dpi resolution in tif or jpg format. Submit class notes to: alumni@westminster-mo.edu.

The deadline for the next issue is December 1, 2014.

*Class News & Notes*
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January 26-27, 2015 the College will host a team representing the Learning Commission of North Central Association; a process that has been accredited to since 1913.

The public is encouraged to submit their comments about the preparation for the evaluation. Follow the link to learn more:

http://news.westminster-mo.edu/campus-life/westmin-in-prep-for-hlc-visit/

Chat (5)
Westminster College is seeking public feedback

By Fulton Sun

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Westminster College is seeking public comments about itself as part of the school’s periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency.

The school will host a team from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association Jan. 26-27.

Westminster has been accredited by the commission since 1913, according to a press release. The college was founded in 1851. The Higher Learning Commission’s team will review and evaluate the institution’s ongoing ability to meet its accreditation criteria. Westminster invites the public to submit written comments about the college.

Comments should focus on “substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs,” the press release stated. All comments must be in writing. The commission needs to receive all

Anyone interested in submitting a response can mail their written comments to: Public Comment on Westminster College, The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411. Anyone interested in commenting can also do so online at the commission’s website, www.ncahlc.org.

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