

A Message to Eastern Michigan University Students, Faculty, and Staff from President James Smith

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is the agency that conducts institutional-level accreditation to all degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, which includes the state of Michigan. Accreditation by regional accreditors like HLC is the primary means of assuring and improving the quality of higher education institutions in the U.S. This system of self-examination and peer review by educational institutions is required for student access to federal grants and loans and for the recognition of credits by most governmental and educational entities.

EMU was first accredited by HLC in 1915. The University is preparing for its Comprehensive Evaluation (site visit) to be held on October 23-24, 2017. A team of HLC peer reviewers will be on campus conducting open forum discussions focused on the criteria for accreditation and drop-in sessions for participant-led discussion. All members of the campus community are invited and encouraged to attend. Please review the schedule below and consider participating in this important process by attending one or more of the sessions.

Schedule for October 23, 2017

Open Forum Discussion: Criterion 1: Mission and Criterion 2: Ethical and Responsible Conduct

10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Student Center, Room 310A

Open Forum Discussion: Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support; and Criterion 4: Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement

1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Student Center, Room 310A

Drop-In Session

2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Student Center, Room 352

Schedule for October 24, 2017

Open Forum Discussion: Criterion 5: Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness; and Institutional Priorities

9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

Student Center, Room 310A

Drop-In Session

10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Student Center, Room 320