

FINAL STATEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT COLORADO SPRINGS

degree to which each student outcome was attained. The program made several improvements to the program based on results from this evaluation process.

- The weakness is resolved.



JUL 18 2016

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510 • Alexandria, VA 22314 • (703) 535-5990 • fax (703) 739-6209 • www.cacrep.org

July 15, 2016

Dr. Pamela S. Shockley-Zalabak
Office of the Chancellor
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80918

Dear Dr. Shockley-Zalabak:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met July 7-9, 2016, for the purpose of making accreditation decisions. Two programs housed in the College of Education at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, were reviewed under the 2009 CACREP Standards. The Board made the following decisions:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A. degree)

Accredited: Two-Year Period through October 31, 2018

School Counseling (M.A. degree)

Accredited: Two-Year Period through October 31, 2018

The Board based the above listed accreditation decisions on an extensive review of the self-study documents, the visiting team's report, and the institution's response to the visiting team's report. Please note that when the CACREP Board grants accreditation for a two-year period, the Board believes the "program substantially meets the requirements for accredited status," but there are one or more minor standards-related deficiencies that the Board wishes to see addressed more thoroughly by the programs.

Although these programs have standards cited, as outlined on page 3 of this letter, the faculty deserve to be congratulated for the time, energy, and commitment that they have given throughout this accreditation process. CACREP recognizes that this has been a cooperative endeavor and believes that the requirements can be met within the prescribed two-year period.

Prior to the expiration of the two-year period, the programs must submit an Interim Report to the Board. This report should provide documentation that the standards-related requirements have

been addressed. Four (4) electronic copies of the report, in read-only format on labeled CDs/USB drives, should be submitted to the CACREP office no later than April 1, 2018. This deadline allows for the Board's review of the Interim Report at its July 2018 meeting. Upon a favorable review by the Board at that time, these programs would then be accredited for the remainder of the eight-year accreditation cycle ending October 31, 2024.

A certificate of accreditation is enclosed with Dr. Conley's copy of this letter. On behalf of the CACREP Board, I would like to extend my thanks to you and your administration for the support provided to the counseling program throughout the accreditation process. Once again, congratulations are extended to all of those involved in making this a successful accreditation review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol L. Bobby", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Carol L. Bobby
President and CEO

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Valerie Conley, Dean, College of Education
Dr. Joe Wehrman, Chair, Department of Counseling and Human Services
Dr. Julaine Field, CACREP Liaison

Standards to be Addressed in the Interim Report

The Board expressed its appreciation to Dean Conley for the letter indicating the College of Education's commitment to maintaining high quality programming and instruction for counseling students, and addressing immediate and long term planning pertaining to standards-related issues noted by the CACREP Site Team. While appreciative of the steps indicated, the Board indicated that the program will need to document in the Interim Report how the following two resource standards are addressed.

Section I. The Learning Environment: Structure and Evaluation

Standard T

While the counseling program is able to provide some opportunities for graduate assistantships, these opportunities are not commensurate with those available in other clinical training programs in the institution. Provide evidence that opportunities for graduate assistantships for program students are commensurate with the graduate assistantship opportunities in other clinical training programs within the institution.

Standard Z

Provide evidence that clerical assistance, commensurate with that provided for similar graduate programs in the institution, is available to support faculty/program activities.



Appendix X: Standing with State Agencies & Accrediting Bodies

The mark of affiliation with links to HLC documentation and a list of specialized accrediting bodies are posted online at <http://www.uccs.edu/ir/standard-reports/accreditation.html>. The Colorado Department of Higher Education also posts a number of reports and analyses at <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Data/Tools.html> and a list of approved degree programs at <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Data/Degrees.aspx>.

A screenshot of the Colorado Department of Higher Education's "Data Tools" webpage. The header includes the CDHE logo, the text "COLORADO Department of Higher Education", and navigation links for "Glossary", "Staff Directory", and "Press Room". A search bar and social media icons are also present. The main content area is titled "Data Tools" and features eight tool cards arranged in a 2x4 grid. Each card has a title, a representative image, a brief description, and a "Use Tool" button. The tools include: "Search Colleges & Universities" (word cloud), "Search Degrees & Certificates" (graduation cap), "Search & Download Data" (robot/gears), "District At A Glance" (school building), "Courses Guaranteed to Transfer" (books), "Longitudinal Charts & Graphs" (bar chart), "Find a Report" (gears), and "College Enrollment by District/HS" (arrows).

Institutional Research

- Home
- Data
 - o Enrollment
 - o Programs
 - o Outcomes
 - o Financial Aid
 - o Survey Results
 - o Employees
 - o Peer Institutions
 - o Reporting System
- Standard Reports
 - o **Accreditation**
 - o Common Data Set
 - o FCQs
 - o Guidebooks
 - o IPEDS
 - o Net Price Calculators
 - o Strategic Plans
- Help
 - o Digital Measures
 - o FERPA
 - o Links & Resources
- Contact Us
 - o Dr. Robyn Marschke
 - o Dr. Wendi Clouse
 - o Rebecca Marshall

Institutional Research / Standard Reports / Accreditation

Accreditation



[Official Affiliation & Status \(HLC profile\)](#). UCCS is accredited through the North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission. Our last accreditation renewal occurred in 2006 and the next will occur in 2016. HLC's address is 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 in Chicago, IL 60604. Telephone 800-621-7440.

Annual Institutional Updates:

Combined Surveys: [2016](#) | [2015](#) | [2014](#)
 Main Survey: [2013](#) | [2012](#) | [2011](#) | [2010](#)
 Finance Survey: [2013](#) | [2012](#) | [2011](#) | [2010](#)

Reports to the Higher Learning Commission:

[2006 Report of the Higher Learning Commission](#)
 Part 1: Mission and Integrity [p1-98](#), [table of contents](#)
 Part 2: Preparing for the Future [p99-154](#)
 Part 3: Student Learning and Effective Teaching [p155-218](#)
 Part 4: Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge [p219-292](#)
 Part 5: Engagement and Service [p293+](#)
 Part 6: [index](#)

[2002 Report of a Focused Visit of the Higher Learning Commission](#)
[2002 Follow-up Focused Visit](#)
[1997 Report of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education](#)
[1997 Self Study](#)

Specialized Accreditation for Colleges and Programs:

[Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology \(ABET\)](#)
[Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics \(ACEND\)](#)
[American Chemical Society](#)
[American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#)
[Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business \(AACSB\)](#)
[Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education \(CCNE\)](#)
[Council for the Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs \(CACREP\)](#)
[Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation \(CAEP\)](#)
[Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration \(NASPAA\)](#)



Appendix Y: Third-Party Comment Notice

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. UCCS will host a team of reviewers from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) starting on November 14, 2016. This comment process allows UCCS constituencies an opportunity to provide the HLC evaluation team with perspectives on the institution.

The public is invited to send comments to the HLC either online at www.hlcommission.org/comment or by mail to the following address:

Public Comment on University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

Comments must be received by October 14, 2016, and should address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.

From: [HLC Accreditation](#)
To: [Pam Shockley Zalabak](#); [Office of the Chancellor](#)
Cc: [David Moon](#); [Linnea Stenson](#); [Terry Schwartz](#)
Subject: Re: Action Required: Participation in the Student Opinion Survey
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:28:34 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you, Chancellor Shockley-Zalabak.

Best,
Vince

From: Pam Shockley Zalabak <pshockle@uccs.edu>
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 3:05 PM
To: accreditation <accreditation@hlcommission.org>, Pam Shockley-Zalabak <exec1@uccs.edu>
Cc: David Moon <cmoon@uccs.edu>, Istenson <lstenson@hlcommission.org>, Terry Schwartz <tschwartz@uccs.edu>
Subject: RE: Action Required: Participation in the Student Opinion Survey

Higher Learning Commission,

Thank you for notifying us of the HLC student opinion survey. UCCS intends to send an email with a link to the survey to all undergraduate and graduate students on September 12. We will also include a prompt for students to look for the survey email when they access Mountain Lion Connect, our club and organization management system for students.

Thank you,

Pam Shockley-Zalabak

Chancellor
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
(w) 719-255-3436
pshockle@uccs.edu



From: HLC Accreditation [<mailto:accreditation@hlcommission.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 2:57 PM
To: Office of the Chancellor <exec1@uccs.edu>
Cc: David Moon <cmoon@uccs.edu>; Linnea Stenson <lstenson@hlcommission.org>
Subject: Action Required: Participation in the Student Opinion Survey

Dear President Shockley-Zalabak:

The Higher Learning Commission's Board of Trustees adopted a policy allowing HLC to conduct a survey of student opinion to be used by site-visiting teams at comprehensive evaluations and comprehensive quality reviews.

Policy: Routine Monitoring and Data Collection - Surveying of Students

INST.F.10.010 -Adopted February 2014

The Commission may survey students of an institution to gather information about their experience at the institution prior to a site visit at the institution scheduled by the Commission. The Commission will provide aggregate data resulting from the survey to the institution under review and the evaluation team prior to the visit. The institution will have an opportunity to provide additional information or other data in response to the student survey data to the evaluation team and the Commission prior to the visit.

For more information, please review the [Student Opinion Survey Overview and Sample Report](https://downloadna11.springcm.com/content/DownloadDocuments.ashx?aid=5968&Selection=Document%2C7ab65cc1-5db0-e311-9b94-d89d67143430%3B) (<https://downloadna11.springcm.com/content/DownloadDocuments.ashx?aid=5968&Selection=Document%2C7ab65cc1-5db0-e311-9b94-d89d67143430%3B>).

Participation in the Student Opinion Survey is mandatory.

Below is a draft of the communication to send to your student body, including the link to your unique student survey. Please add your Institutional Representative Information where indicated. **The link below will be active September 12 through September 21, 2016.** We ask that you send it to your students on September 12.

You need to respond via email to accreditation@hlcommission.org by **August 26, 2016** to notify HLC how the survey will be administered. HLC requests 250 words or less describing the method of distribution and the audiences for the communication. (For example: ABC University intends to send an email with a link to the survey to all undergraduate and graduate students.)

Dear Student:

The Higher Learning Commission is the institutional accrediting association that comprehensively evaluates our school. [Institution Name Here] is going through the process this year. Your comments about your experiences are very important. A summary of your input will be provided to the team of representatives from the Higher Learning Commission who will be visiting our school. The answers you give on this survey are anonymous. Your participation is completely voluntary. The Higher Learning Commission and [Institution Name Here] will not have access to your identity.

Thank you for taking five minutes to complete this short survey. The survey will be open through September 21.

Click on the link to begin the survey: https://hlcommission.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dg99HpJMMcKBbgN

*Sincerely,
[Institutional Representative Name, etc. here]*

HLC will send the report from the survey to the institution and the peer review team members at least one month prior to the visit.

If you have any questions, please contact studentsurvey@hlcommission.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Higher Learning Commission

The information contained in this communication is confidential and intended only for the use of the recipient named above, and may be legally privileged and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please resend it to the sender and delete the original message and copy of it from your computer system. Opinions, conclusions and other information in this message that do not relate to our official business should be understood as neither given nor endorsed by the organization.

From: [Office of the Chancellor](#)
To: [student-l](#)
Subject: Accreditation - Student Opinion Survey
Date: Monday, September 12, 2016 9:16:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Student:

The Higher Learning Commission is the institutional accrediting association that comprehensively evaluates our school. UCCS is going through the process this year. Your comments about your experiences are very important. A summary of your input will be provided to the team of representatives from the Higher Learning Commission who will be visiting our school. The answers you give on this survey are anonymous. Your participation is completely voluntary. The Higher Learning Commission and UCCS will not have access to your identity.

Thank you for taking five minutes to complete this short survey. The survey will be open through September 21.

Click on the link to begin the survey: https://hlcommission.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dg99HpJMMcKBbgN

Sincerely,

Pam Shockley-Zalabak

Chancellor
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
(w) 719-255-3436
pshockle@uccs.edu



From: [Office of the Chancellor](#)
To: [student-l](#)
Subject: Reminder: Accreditation - Student Opinion Survey
Date: Monday, September 19, 2016 1:19:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Student:

The Higher Learning Commission is the institutional accrediting association that comprehensively evaluates our school. UCCS is going through the process this year. Your comments about your experiences are very important. A summary of your input will be provided to the team of representatives from the Higher Learning Commission who will be visiting our school. The answers you give on this survey are anonymous. Your participation is completely voluntary. The Higher Learning Commission and UCCS will not have access to your identity.

Thank you for taking five minutes to complete this short survey. The survey will be open through September 21.

If you have not already completed, click on the link to begin the survey:
https://hlcommission.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dg99HpJMMcKBbgN

Sincerely,

Pam Shockley-Zalabak

Chancellor
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
(w) 719-255-3436
pshockle@uccs.edu



UCCS University of Colorado **Colorado Springs**

COMMUNIQUE

The official news publication for faculty and staff at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs



[HOME](#) [EVENTS](#) [KUDOS](#) [PERSONNEL](#) [PHOTO FEATURES](#) [VIDEO](#) [50TH ANNIVERSARY](#) [ABOUT](#)

Chancellor Memo: UCCS preps for re-accreditation

□ [December 1, 2015](#) □ [University Communications and Media Relations](#)

Dear Colleagues:

As we prepare for the end of the fall academic semester and calendar year, it is important that we also look forward to 2016 and vital upcoming activities. In November, 2016, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will make a once in ten-year visit to the campus to consider our ongoing accreditation. Preparation for this important visit is underway and will accelerate in spring, 2016.

On Jan. 26, there will be campus-wide meetings to conduct a mid-year update of the UCCS 2012-2020 Strategic Plan. Several sessions will be held throughout the day to allow faculty and staff to provide input as we reach the mid-point of the plan's designed planning period. In general, we will provide updates as outlined in the plan and seek opinions about new goals or changes in tactics to ensure UCCS remains on target.

In preparation for those meetings, I ask that you save the date on your calendars, review the [current plan](#) and also the [Program Prioritization](#) developed in 2014.

Following our campus meeting, we will seek input from alumni and

SUBMIT IDEAS

[Submit Story Ideas](#)

ARCHIVES

[Archives](#) [Select Month](#)


CATEGORIES

[Categories](#)
[Select Category](#)

LINKS

[Press Releases](#)
[Media Watch](#)
[University Communications and Media Relations](#)
[www.uccs.edu](#)
[Archives from 2010 and Earlier](#)
[UCCS News](#)

SUBSCRIBE

 [RSS - Posts](#)

[Follow @UCCSCommunique](#)

community leaders before presenting an updated strategic plan to the CU Board of Regents in mid-February. A separate report on Program Prioritization and UCCS Metrics is due to the regents at their summer retreat.. However, I believe it important that we view our strategic plan and the regents-directed program prioritization and metrics process holistically. We intend for our updated Strategic Plan to incorporate Program Prioritization work and the UCCS Metrics by which the Regents will evaluate us.

Additionally in the spring semester, we will begin the five-year review process for Peter Braza, dean, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, and Kelli Klebe, Dean, Graduate School. For those unfamiliar with the dean review process, it involves multiple steps including the opportunity for broad campus input about their job performances. Normally, these two Deans would have been reviewed in fall, 2016. We have been advised by those working with HLC accreditation that we should have as much complete when the reviewers come as possible. Deans Braza and Klebe deserve our complete attention and focus during this important phase of their careers. A survey will be distributed campus wide and several members of the faculty will be asked to serve on formal evaluation committees. When you receive the survey, I ask for your honest, thoughtful opinions. If you are asked to serve on a committee, I ask that you do so and that you devote yourself fully to it.

While updating the Strategic Plan, reviewing Program Prioritization, updating UCCS Metrics, and evaluating deans may seem disparate, they are connected to an overall goal of a successful visit by the Higher Learning Commission. Scheduled for Nov. 2016, this once-a-decade visit by our accrediting body is of vital importance to the future of our university. Accreditation is both a distinguishing factor and as an opportunity for us to ensure we are meeting – or surpassing – the high standards expected of ourselves and others. It is vital that we present ourselves honestly, accurately and with plans for adapting to a changing educational environment. Having an updated strategic plan, a review of programs and completed evaluations of two important positions will move us toward that goal. .

Together, I am confident that we will be successful in completing these tasks and sharing with the CU Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission that UCCS is well positioned as a leading

Western regional public research university.

I wish you a happy holiday season. Together, I know we will have a successful 2016.

Respectfully,



Pam Shockley-Zalabak
Chancellor

☐ Facebook

☐ Twitter

☐ LinkedIn

☐ Google

☐ More

PREVIOUS ARTICLE

NEXT ARTICLE

BE THE FIRST TO COMMENT

Leave a Reply

Your email address will not be published.

Comment

Name *

Email *


Website

ABOUT

Communique is the online newsletter for UCCS faculty & staff. Summaries are distributed by email on Friday to faculty and staff lists, weekly during the fall and spring semesters, and monthly during the summer semester.


Suggestions and comments are welcome. Send ideas to ucomm@uccs.edu or call Tom Hutton, (719) 255-3439, or use the suggestion form.

PHOTO FEATURES



VAPA students turn their artistic vision into sculpture

September 8, 2016



Donor shares personal story during statue rededication

August 25, 2016





Photo and video feature: Student move in, Mountain Lion Rally, GPS

August 23, 2016

VIDEO



VAPA students turn their artistic vision into sculpture

September 8, 2016





Photo and video feature: Student move in, Mountain Lion Rally, GPS

August 23, 2016



UCCS, PPCC and El Paso County partner to land \$668,000 scholarship grant

May 5, 2016

Copyright © 2016 | UCCS University Communications and Media Relations

5

<http://communique.uccs.edu/?p=21477>[9/8/2016 3:52:31 PM]

UCCS University of Colorado **Colorado Springs**

COMMUNIQUE

The official news publication for faculty and staff at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs



[HOME](#) [EVENTS](#) [KUDOS](#) [PERSONNEL](#) [PHOTO FEATURES](#) [VIDEO](#) [50TH ANNIVERSARY](#) [ABOUT](#)

Campus leaders to conduct budget, accreditation and Program Prioritization discussions

□ November 4, 2015 □ Tom Hutton

A series of visits with academic departments by top UCCS leaders will begin Nov. 9 and continue through Dec. 9 at locations throughout campus.



Susan Szyrka



Terry Schwartz



Pam Shockley-Zalabak

Pam Shockley-Zalabak, chancellor, Terry Schwartz, acting provost, Academic Affairs, and Susan Szyrka, vice chancellor, Administration and Finance, will host five separate meetings to discuss strategic planning, a planned November 2016 campus visit by the Higher Learning Commission, budgeting strategies, Program Prioritization and metrics. Other topics are possible.

The meetings are:

- Nov. 9, 12:15 p.m. — 1:45 p.m., Academic Office Building Room 301

SUBMIT IDEAS

[Submit Story Ideas](#)

ARCHIVES

[Archives](#) [Select Month](#)


CATEGORIES

[Categories](#)
[Select Category](#)

LINKS

[Press Releases](#)
[Media Watch](#)
[University Communications and Media Relations](#)
www.uccs.edu
[Archives from 2010 and Earlier](#)
[UCCS News](#)

SUBSCRIBE

 [RSS - Posts](#)

[Follow @UCCSCommunique](#)

- Nov. 10, 1:40 p.m. — 2:50 p.m., ~~Dwire Hall Room 121~~
- Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. — 10 a.m., ~~University Hall Room 133~~
- Dec. 3, 10 a.m. — 11 a.m., ~~Osborne Science & Engineering Room A321~~
~~Daniels K-12 Room~~
- Dec. 9, 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Columbine 115

The meetings are open to all faculty and staff. Those interested in attending can pick times and locations that are most convenient. All meetings will follow a similar agenda and format and will include an opportunity for questions.

Related Posts

[CU System cost analysis will drive UCCS budget process changes](#)

[Regents receive Program Prioritization plans](#)

☐ Facebook

☐ Twitter

☐ LinkedIn

☐ Google

☐ More

PREVIOUS ARTICLE

NEXT ARTICLE

BE THE FIRST TO COMMENT

Leave a Reply

Your email address will not be published.

Comment

Name *

Email *

Website

ABOUT

Communique is the online newsletter for UCCS faculty & staff. Summaries are distributed by email on Friday to faculty and staff lists, weekly during the fall and spring semesters, and monthly during the summer semester.

Suggestions and comments are welcome. Send ideas to ucomm@uccs.edu or call Tom Hutton, (719) 255-3439, or use the suggestion form.

PHOTO FEATURES



VAPA students turn their artistic vision into sculpture

September 8, 2016



Donor shares personal story during statue rededication

August 25, 2016



Photo and video feature: Student move in, Mountain Lion Rally, GPS

August 23, 2016

VIDEO



VAPA students turn their artistic vision into sculpture

September 8, 2016



Photo and video feature: Student move in, Mountain Lion Rally, GPS

August 23, 2016



UCCS, PPCC and El Paso County partner to land \$668,000 scholarship grant

May 5, 2016

From: [staff-1](#) on behalf of [UCCS Announcements Do Not Reply](#)
To: [staff-1](#)
Subject: [staff-1] HLC Assurance Argument
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 11:41:10 AM
Attachments: [Assurance 8.25.16.pdf](#)

Message from: Terry Schwartz tschwart@uccs.edu

Dear Campus Community,

The latest version of our HLC assurance argument is attached for your review and comment. Please be aware that where you see bolded words or phrases, that indicates a link to a document in the evidence file, which is a separate file from the assurance argument. Secondly, we have contracted with Dr. Harriet Napierkowski to edit the document, so we invite you to focus specifically on the substance of the argument rather than to focus on proofreading.

Please send your feedback to me at tschwart@uccs.edu by September 7.

Many thanks,

Terry

Terry Schwartz
Interim Provost

From: [faculty-l](#) on behalf of [UCCS Announcements Do Not Reply](#)
To: [faculty-l](#)
Subject: [faculty-l] HLC Assurance Argument
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 11:40:46 AM
Attachments: [Assurance 8.25.16.pdf](#)

Message from: Terry Schwartz tschwartz@uccs.edu

Dear Campus Community,

The latest version of our HLC assurance argument is attached for your review and comment. Please be aware that where you see bolded words or phrases, that indicates a link to a document in the evidence file, which is a separate file from the assurance argument. Secondly, we have contracted with Dr. Harriet Napierkowski to edit the document, so we invite you to focus specifically on the substance of the argument rather than to focus on proofreading.

Please send your feedback to me at tschwartz@uccs.edu by September 7.

Many thanks,

Terry

Terry Schwartz
Interim Provost



Accrediting agency seeks public comment on UCCS

September 27, 2016 Press Releases

Tom Hutton, (719) 255-3439, thutton@uccs.edu
Joanna Bean, (719) 255-3732, jbean2@uccs.edu



COLORADO SPRINGS — In preparation for a November visit from the Higher Learning Commission, a regional higher education accrediting agency, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs seeks comments from the public about the university.

The Higher Learning Commission is an independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, which includes 19 states including Colorado. The HLC routinely visits colleges and universities every decade. An accrediting team is compiling information now and will personally visit UCCS beginning Nov. 14.

“Accreditation is both a distinguishing factor and is an opportunity for us to ensure we are meeting – or surpassing – the standards expected of high quality institutions,” UCCS Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak said. “It is vital that we present ourselves honestly, accurately and with plans for adapting to a changing educational environment.”

The following criteria will be used by HLC when evaluating UCCS

- Mission

BROWSE BY MONTH

Browse by Month
Select Month

LINKS

Communique
Media Watch
UCCS Home
UCCS News
University Communications and Media Relations

UCCS MEDIA CONTACTS

Tom Hutton
719-255-3439
thutton@uccs.edu

Joanna Bean
719-255-3732
jbean2@uccs.edu

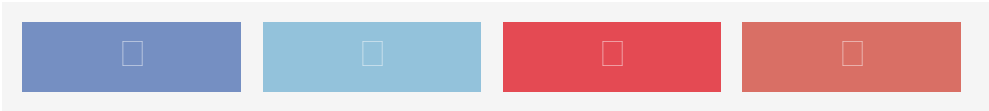
- Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
- Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources and Support
- Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
- Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

The public is invited to send comments to the HLC online at www.hlcommission.org/comment or by mail to the following address:

**Public Comment on University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411**

Comments must be received by Oct. 14 and should address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. For more information about the Higher Learning Commission, visit <https://hlcommission.org/>

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs, located on Austin Bluffs Parkway in Colorado Springs, is one of the fastest-growing universities in Colorado. The university offers 45 bachelor’s, 22 master’s and five doctoral degree programs. UCCS enrolls about 12,000 students on campus annually and another 3,300 in online programs. For more information, visit www.uccs.edu.



PREVIOUS ARTICLE

NEXT ARTICLE



UCCS News

@UCCSNews

The official twitter account for news and information from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs, CO

uccs.edu/advancement/mc

Joined February 2009

32 Photos and videos



TWEETS 295 FOLLOWING 68 FOLLOWERS 2,110 LIKES 45

Follow

Tweets Tweets & replies Media



UCCS News @UCCSNews · 3h

UCCS Galleries of Contemporary Art to feature faculty art at downtown gallery pressreleases.uccs.edu/?p=3054



Retweet Like Reply



UCCS News @UCCSNews · Sep 27

Accrediting agency seeks public comment on UCCS pressreleases.uccs.edu/?p=3043



University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

Retweet Like Reply



UCCS News @UCCSNews · Sep 28

New to Twitter?

Sign up now to get your own personalized timeline!

Sign up

You may also like · Refresh



UCCS
@UCCS



UCCS Athletics
@GoMountainLions



UCCS Campus Rec
@UCCS_Rec



UCCS Emergency Mgmt
@UCCS_Prepared



UCCS OSA
@UCCS_OSA

Worldwide Trends

#Gala4GH17
77.9K Tweets

#ThisTown
940K Tweets

#EnvoyeSpecial
26.1K Tweets

#XF10
30.4K Tweets

#NationalCoffeeDay
265K Tweets

Susana Diaz
70.4K Tweets

Tebrikler Fenerbahçem
2,132 Tweets

Demokratik



University of Colorado
Colorado Springs



UCCS Accreditation: Third-Party Comment Notice

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. UCCS will host a team of reviewers from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) starting on November 14, 2016. This comment process allows UCCS constituencies an opportunity to provide the HLC evaluation team with perspectives on the institution.

The public is invited to send comments to the HLC either online at www.hlcommission.org/comment or by mail to the following address:

Public Comment on University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

Comments must be received by October 14, 2016 and should address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.



University of Colorado

Boulder | Colorado Springs | Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus



HLC Public Comment

Tom Hutton

Summary

Distribution Name	HLC Public Comment
Method Sent	E-Mail
Media Contact Count	19
Media Outlet Count	59
Individual Count	0
Organization Count	0
Media Contact Lists Used	Colorado Springs Print;CS TV Contacts
Media Outlet Lists Used	Colorado Springs Print;Colorado Springs Print (General);CS Electronic Media (Radio and TV)
Individual Lists Used	
Organization Lists Used	

Recipient Results Detail

Media Contact	Media Outlet
Cameron	Colorado Springs Business Journal, The
Cole, Joe	Fox 21 News at 9 - KXRM-TV
Davant, Jeanne	Life after 50
Dimond, Vicki	Colorado Springs Style
Duffy, Kelly	KOAA-TV
Folsom, Bill	KOAA-TV
Haltiwanger, Liz	KKTV-TV
Harrison, Scott	KRDO-TV
Heilman, Wayne	Gazette, The
Kelley, Debbie	Gazette, The
Laden, Rich	Gazette, The
O'Connell, Jim	Gazette, The
Palmisano, Laura	KVNF-FM
Philipps, Dave	New York Times, The
Rodgers, Jakob	Gazette, The
Sheridan, Elaine	KOAA-TV
Sparks, Colleen	iHeartMedia, Inc.
Stanley, J. Adrian	Colorado Springs Independent

Media Outlet

Black Forest News & Palmer Divide
Pioneer

Catalyst, Colorado College, The

Checkpoints

Cheyenne Edition, The

Colorado Catholic Herald, The

Colorado Springs Business
Journal, The

Colorado Springs Independent

Colorado Springs Style

Colorado Tribune, The

El Paso County/Fountain Valley
News

Exceptional Release, The

Gazette, The

KATC-FM

KBIQ-FM

KCBR-AM (I 25 Talk)

KCCY-AM

KCCY-FM

KCME-FM

KCMN-AM (I25 Oldies Radio)

KCSF-AM

KCSJ-AM

KDZA-FM

KEPC-FM

KGFT-FM

KIBT-FM

KILO-FM

KKFM-FM

KKLI-FM

KKMG-FM

KKPK-FM

KKTV-TV

KOAA-TV

KPHT-FM

KRCC-FM

KRDO-AM

KRDO-FM

KRDO-TV

KRLN-AM

KRXP-FM

KTLF-FM

KTPL-FM

KTSC-FM

KTSC-TV

KVOR-AM

KVUU-FM

KWHS-TV

KWRP-AM

KXRM-TV

KXTU-TV

KZNT-AM

Life after 50

Mountain Jackpot

Our Community News

Pikes Peak Bulletin

Pikes Peak Parent

Prorodeo Sports News

Pueblo Chieftain, The

Pueblo West View

Woodmen Edition

E-mail Sample

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 27, 2016

Contacts: Tom Hutton, (719) 255-3439, thutton@uccs.edu

Joanna Bean, (719) 255-3732, jbean2@uccs.edu

COLORADO SPRINGS — In preparation for a November visit from the Higher Learning Commission, a regional higher education accrediting agency, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs seeks comments from the public about the university.

The Higher Learning Commission is an independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions

in the North Central region, which includes 19 states including Colorado. The HLC routinely visits colleges and universities every decade. An accrediting team is compiling information now and will personally visit UCCS beginning Nov. 14.

“Accreditation is both a distinguishing factor and is an opportunity for us to ensure we are meeting – or surpassing – the standards expected of high quality institutions,” UCCS Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak said. “It is vital that we present ourselves honestly, accurately and with plans for adapting to a changing educational environment.”

The following criteria will be used by HLC when evaluating UCCS

Mission

Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct

Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources and Support

Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement

Resources, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

The public is invited to send comments to the HLC online at www.hlcommission.org/comment or by mail to the following address:

Public Comment on University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

Comments must be received by Oct. 14 and should address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. For more information about the Higher Learning Commission, visit <https://hlcommission.org/>

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs, located on Austin Bluffs Parkway in Colorado Springs, is one of the fastest-growing universities in Colorado. The university offers 45 bachelor's, 22 master's and five doctoral degree programs. UCCS enrolls about 12,000 students on campus annually and another 3,300 in online programs. For more information, visit www.uccs.edu.

<http://pressreleases.uccs.edu/?p=3043>