



# IN THE KNOW ACCREDITATION UPDATE

April 2021

GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The HLC 2021 Annual Conference was held virtually April 5<sup>th</sup> –9<sup>th</sup>. After the cancelation of the 2020 conference due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it was nice to participate in the yearly informative sessions to gain valuable insight on the HLC process. The 2022 Annual Conference dates are April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> with the theme **Evolving Together**. The trend seems to be to have an in person event with expanded virtual options.

*“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.” ~ Michael Jordan*

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Our yearly HLC Institutional update was submitted at the beginning of April with many thanks to Miranda for all her hard work pulling everything together. Looking forward, we will be continuing to monitor progress with ongoing campus priorities including **Enrollment Management, Strategic Agenda, Program Review, Assessment, and Workplace Satisfaction** that were identified in our last evaluation from the HLC. These will be critical pieces as we compile our HLC Assurance Argument, as well as preparing for our comprehensive reaffirmation site visit and evaluation set for **April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Recently, with the support of the college leadership, I accepted an additional three-year assignment with the HLC Peer Corps. I'm looking forward to two fall assignments on a HLC review team where I hope to gain valuable insight to prepare for our own upcoming review. Have a great summer, and if you have any questions related to the accreditation process, please contact me anytime. -Maria

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GCC Virtual Graduation 5/7 @6pm



## ASSESSMENT CORNER

The GCC Assessment Team will be wrapping up the academic year with our collection of faculty-led assessment projects and our group assessment of our General Education curriculum. On May 6, all of the Gen Ed faculty will meet, remotely and in person, for a calibration and scoring session of the QTC outcome. We are also looking ahead to the Fall semester. On Monday, April 19, we are doing a “deep-dive” into Watermark, our new Strategic Planning and Assessment software, with the hope of fully utilizing integrating it in the 2021-22 Academic year. Additionally, three of the GCCAT members attended the HLC annual conference last week, and have gained some valuable insight into assessment trends and practices that we will integrate into our plans for next year, particularly through a series of professional development events, including training on how to turn our assessment data into actionable changes in the classroom. Ongoing program reviews and potential co-curricular assessment projects are also on the agenda. It has been an exciting and productive inaugural year for the Assessment Team, and we look forward to continuing this project into next year!

Useful links:

[HLC Website](#)