ACCREDITATION REPORT
Report to the Board of Education
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Overview

- Ad-Hoc report addressing three recommendations was submitted on September 4th. Our representative at NWCCU provided feedback during the final writing phase of the report, acknowledging the progress and good work we have achieved in the past one year.
- Countdown to 2023 Reaffirmation begins in Fall Term.
- Search for a Director of Institutional Effectiveness continues. A second search is underway. We hope to have a person in place by mid-October if not sooner.
- Institutional Effectiveness Handbook has been completed and campus and consultant feedback incorporated. The handbook will be shared campus constituents in September.
- Summer plans have been developed to launch the next planning, assessment, and resource allocation process.

7-Year Reaffirmation – *UCC employees will engage in term by term preparations to ensure every opportunity for a successful reaffirmation in 2023.*

Status: *In progress*

Current Actions:
- Provost is the Accreditation Liaison Officer until a Director of Institutional Effectiveness is hired.
- Preliminary efforts have begun, laying the infrastructure of how the campus will work towards reaffirmation.
- Technology needs have been discussed.
- A draft timeline from fall 2020 to spring 2023 has been proposed. Revisions will be finalized in September.

Next Steps:
- Share reaffirmation timeline with campus once fully developed and approved.
- Work the reaffirmation timeline and related plans with consistency and quality.
- Assign people to areas of responsibility, confirming expectations and providing trainings.
- Set up a drive designated just for institutional effectiveness and accreditation function.
- Communicate documentation and evidence collection requirements to all committee, councils, departments, and divisions of operation.

Student Learning Assessment - *UCC faculty and administration must collaboratively develop and implement a systematic approach to assessing student learning.*

Status: *On Track*

Current Actions:
- The academic assessment workshops held in June were a success. Programs have now been assessed using our new model and process.
- ACSC met in August to address general education and AGS matters regarding assessment

Next Steps:
- AY 2020-2021 assessment schedule is being developed.
- Finalize assessment process for general education and AGS.
- All reporting forms will be reviewed to ensure we are capturing data and using the data to show continuous improvement.

Data-Informed Decision-Making - *UCC must implement an institution-wide system of data-informed evaluation and planning to guide institutional decisions, continuous improvement, resource allocation, and measurements of institutional effectiveness.*

Status: *On Track*

Current actions:
- Institutional Indicators have been assessed.
- A timeline is being finalized to ensure operational, tactical, and strategic planning are aligned with the budget planning and resource allocation process.
- The Strategic Plan Oversight Committee (SPOC) met on July 15-16, August 6, and August 27 to review progress on the strategic plan, recommend strategic priorities for the 2020-2022 years, and to work with a consultant on operational, tactical and strategic planning.

Next step:
- Revamp the Institutional Effectiveness Committee and secure co-chairs.
- Finish the Institutional Effectiveness webpage.
- Consider developing an institutional effectiveness Dashboard.

Governance - *UCC must increase institutional stability through effective leadership and governance processes.*

Status: *On Track*

Current actions:
- A new organization structure has been developed and included in the Ad-Hoc report.
- Survey of governance councils was conducted in spring term; results will be reviewed in September and goals set for the 2020-2021 year.

Next step:
- Communicate the new structure with campus constituents in September.
- Ensure that each committee/council has a chair and note-taker.
- Incorporate survey results into council discussions and works, making improvements where applicable.
- Ensure shared governance is reflected on the webpage and link shared with campus constituents.
- Infuse governance committee/council meetings with institutional effectiveness discussions on a monthly basis.

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