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From: President Gary L. Miller <uazipmail@zips.uakron.edu>
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To: ua-mail@lists.uakron.edu
Subject: Higher Learning Commission Visit – Sept. 12-13



Dear members of The University of Akron community,

As you may know, for the past several months, The University of Akron has been engaged in its self-study process for reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). HLC is one of six institutional accrediting bodies in the United States recognized by the U.S.

Department of Education. The accreditation process ensures that we meet standards of quality, are fulfilling our mission and are engaged in continuous improvement. In addition to ensuring quality, HLC accreditation is necessary for the institution to receive federal funding, including student financial aid.

The University has been accredited by HLC since 1914 and has been through many reaffirmation processes. In the last several years, this work has led to improvements in shared governance, program review and finances. Our current self-study helped us prepare the University's assurance argument—a report that examines the role of the University in five key areas: mission; integrity; teaching and learning quality,

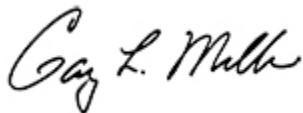
resources, support; teaching and learning evaluation and improvement; and resources, planning and institutional effectiveness. The assurance argument is available [here](#).

The report was provided to HLC and an HLC peer review team last week and will be followed by a campus visit on September 12 and 13.

Many student, faculty and staff groups will be invited to meet with the HLC peer review team during the visit. If you receive an invitation to participate in some way, we ask that you please plan to be on campus, as the meetings will be in person. These conversations are critical to the process and will be an important opportunity to let the review team know about the great work happening at The University of Akron.

More details will be shared as the visit plans are finalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary L. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gary L. Miller

President

The University of Akron