

**Sauk Valley Community College
December 18, 2023**

Agenda Item 3.1.2

Topic: HLC and Assessment Updates

College Health Metric: **Planning – The College conducts research to support planning, decision-making, and assessment efforts across the institution; decisions are informed by evidence, and processes are evaluated through continuous improvement.**

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Presentation:

Sauk Valley Community College is two years out from the most recent visit from the Higher Learning Commission. Following that visit, HLC highlighted the following two areas requiring the College to submit an Interim Report during the year five assurance review:

Assessment and Student Learning

- Program-level learning outcomes and targets for certificate and associate degree programs with and without program concentrations;
- The assessment of program-level student learning outcomes, including data generated, data analysis, and improvement efforts based on data analysis, and the documented effect of improvement efforts;
- The institution's definition of co-curricular areas. A formalized outcomes assessment process for co-curricular areas, data from the assessment of identified co-curricular outcomes, data analysis, and the documented effect of improvement efforts; and
- Data from the assessment of general education competencies, data analysis, and the documented effect of improvement efforts

Planning and Strategic Budgeting

- Documented representative examples of decisions made based on data, along with the process, the data, and the analysis used to make the decisions.
- Documented representative examples of budget requests, along with the data and the analysis used to determine how the request and subsequent budget were tied to the college's strategic planning.
- Representative examples of the processes and outcomes used in decision-making that illustrate the ties between the Mission, Strategic Plan, and decision-making.
- Detailed information on the development of the new strategic plan including who is involved, how goals are established, how goals inform initiatives and budget, and how measures of effectiveness are selected and utilized

SVCC has made significant changes to both areas of assessment and strategic planning and budgeting to address these areas of improvement provided by the HLC. Our review date will be on June 22, 2026, which will include our overall assurance argument along with our two additional interim reports.