

# Preparing for the HLC Team Visit

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# **HLC** Criteria

- 1. Mission
- 2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
- 3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support
- 4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
- 5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness



# **Assurance Argument**

A well-crafted, evidence-based, objective review of institutional performance explaining how the institution complies with the five criteria and their core components.

The Assurance Argument is the official, collective representation BSU provides to HLC regarding BSU's compliance with HLC expectations.

Available here: <a href="https://www.bemidjistate.edu/hlc/">https://www.bemidjistate.edu/hlc/</a>



## Purpose of the HLC Team Visit

- 1. Verify the claims made in the Assurance Argument
- 2. Follow up on questions raised in reviewing the Assurance Argument and Federal Compliance Review



### Your Preparation for the Team Visit

#### Reflect on:

- 1. How the work you do is motivated by the institutional Mission Statement, anchored in the Shared Fundamental Values, and shaped by the Strategic Plan
- 2. How well the services you are providing are working, and how you know that
- 3. How you and your functional area improve operations or take advantage of new opportunities



# **BSU Mission Statement**

We create an innovative, interdisciplinary and highly accessible learning environment committed to student success and a sustainable future for our communities, state and planet.

Through the transformative power of the liberal arts, education in the professions, and robust engagement of our students, we instill and promote service to others, preservation of the Earth, and respect and appreciation for the diverse peoples of our region and world.



#### **Shared Fundamental Values**

Students, through the sum of their educational experience at Bemidji State, will have multiple opportunities to learn about, experience, and reflect on the University's Shared Fundamental Values:

- Civic engagement and leadership
- International and multicultural understanding
- Belief in the power of the liberal arts
- Environmental stewardship

These values guide curriculum and services.



# Strategic Plan 2018-2023: Inspired by Place; Enriched by Diversity

#### **Five Strategic Priorities**

- 1. Build university capacity through distinguishing themes of place.
- 2. Increase engagement with American Indian communities to become a destination university.
- 3. Increase student engagement in campus life.
- 4. Strengthen BSU's academic identity by infusing its Shared Fundamental Values into all academic programs.
- 5. Create a university culture in which diversity is embraced and all members are safe, welcome, and validated.



# Q&A

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