Wichita State University will undergo our next Higher Learning Commission accreditation review during the 2016-2017 academic year. Although it seems like only a short time has passed since we successfully completed our last HLC accreditation, significant changes in the accreditation process require us to immediately begin planning for the next cycle.

The accreditation process will be directed by the Provost with the support of a University Steering Committee composed of the President’s Administrative Staff and the presidents of the faculty, unclassified and classified senates. One or more students will also be appointed to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will provide overall guidance to the process and keep me informed of our progress.

As in the past, the accreditation process will involve all university divisions and affiliated units. However, the most substantial changes in the process involve the Division of Academic Affairs. In the coming weeks you will receive information from the Provost’s office on our process for the work in that division.

In the coming years, a large number of the university community will be involved in this extremely important process. Your work on this important review is very much appreciated.