**Provost Report**

**Academic Senate**

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The Higher Learning Commission as well as the State of Ohio mandates academic program assessment to continuously improve academic excellence and student success and to assure teaching/learning, scholarship and service serve the mission of the university. The recent HLC report anticipates an interaction in 2021 related to such an assessment. In addition, such an assessment is expected to be a strategy associated with the continuous improvement goal of the *Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future*. I envision the development of this process would be inclusive of campus stakeholders, open and transparent, and data informed.

We will be seeking the assistance of an external consultant to provide guidance developing and implementing such a process. A faculty team is involved in assessing responses to a Request for Proposals [[Link](https://cms.ysu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/administrative-offices/procurement-services/RFP%20%2320-123119%20-%20Academic%20Program%20Effectiveness%20and%20Enhancement%20Assessment.pdf)]. The team consists of Professors Cooper and Sumell, Professor and Chair Sturrus, Dean Sanders, Associate Provost Pintar, Vice President Sherman, and Provost Smith. You will be updated at each Academic Senate meeting and input sought as advised by Chair Cooper.