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Dear Campus Community,

As we embark on a new academic year, I am writing to share an important update regarding our upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation review. Our university is currently preparing for the 2024 Assurance Argument that will demonstrate how we continue to meet HLC's high standards of accreditation.

Since 2022, dedicated teams of faculty and staff have been working diligently on this collaborative effort that is essential to our mission of providing an outstanding education to our students. Five criterion teams are leading the process of drafting the 2024 Assurance Argument report, which is due to the HLC in January 2024.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed their time and expertise to this accreditation process thus far. Although there is still much work to be done, the efforts undertaken have highlighted many of our university's strengths and opportunities for improvement.

This review provides a valuable chance for us to showcase our campus programs, faculty, staff, and students to the HLC. I encourage all to get involved by assisting the writing teams and sharing examples of success. Your support of this accreditation process validates our community's shared commitment to excellence in higher education.

Together we will demonstrate that our university fully meets the HLC's standards and merits ongoing accreditation. Please accept my appreciation for your contributions as we work to prepare a compelling and accurate Assurance Argument. I am confident our collaborative efforts will highlight our university as a leader in providing a transformative educational experience for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Schneller, Ph.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Beverly Schneller, Ph.D.
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