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Subject: Request re October WSCUC Reaccreditation Visit to HMC
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Re: Request re October WSCUC Reaccreditation Visit to HMC

Dear Chair Bean,

Because of the upcoming October 13-15 WSCUC Campus Visit to HMC for Reaffirmation of Accreditation (<https://www.hmc.edu/institutional-research/accreditation/2021-wscuc-re-affirmation/>), I emailed WSCUC the following two detailed Third-Party Comments regarding HMC: (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/WSCUC1HMC092121.pdf>) and (<http://www.scientificintegrityinstitute.org/WSCUC2HMC092121.pdf>). The basis for my comments is as follows: "HMC was founded in 1955 by conservative and patriotic Trustees, including Founding President Joseph Platt, in order to help fill the national need for STEM (science-technology-engineering-mathematics) expertise during the Cold War against the Soviet Union. Since 2006, current President Maria Klawe has dramatically changed the HMC Mission from Excellence in STEM to Diversity-Equity-Inclusion with an emphasis on training female computer scientists. HMC no longer provides a rigorous STEM education because of its Social Justice focus. HMC is now an ultraliberal college that lacks academic freedom and political diversity. These changes are damaging STEM education and scientific integrity in the US in the face of strong competition from China, which has maintained very high STEM standards. These recent HMC changes must be clearly understood by current high school students, current and potential donors to HMC, employers interested in HMC students, and especially the WSCUC Review Team. "

I understand that this upcoming WSCUC Campus Visit to HMC does not provide an opportunity for input from HMC Alumni other than by Third-Party Comment. Thus, I request that you make it possible for HMC Alumni to have direct contact with the WSCUC Team at some point during the Campus Visit, possibly via Zoom or teleconference for one hour or less. If direct contact with WSCUC Team is not possible, I request that you make it possible for interested HMC Alumni, such as, myself, to have direct contact with you sometime soon.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely yours,

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