Slide 2: Why is Assessment Important?
HLC Guiding Value 4: A culture of continuous improvement

- Continuous improvement is the alternative to stagnation.
- The strongest institutions will stay strong through ongoing aspiration.
- The Commission includes continuous improvement across all areas as one of the key aspects of accreditation.
- A process of assessment is essential to continuous improvement and therefore a commitment to assessment should be deeply embedded in an institution’s activities.
- Assessment applies not only to student learning and educational outcomes but to an institution’s approach to improvement of institutional effectiveness.

Slides 3 and 4: The Current State of Assessment
The college has made a large amount of progress since the Higher Learning Commission assigned the Student Learning Outcomes Monitoring Report:

- Not yet established any outcomes:
  January 2013: less than 10
  April 2014: zero
- Established Outcomes, but have not yet assessed them
  January 2013: less than 20
  April 2014: less than 10
- Completed an assessment, but have not yet made curricular changes as a result
  January 2013: 35
  April 2014: less than 10
- Successfully carried out an assessment, made curricular changes, but have not yet reassessed
  January 2013: 19
  April 2014: 15
- Successfully completed the full cycle of assessment
  January 2013: less than 10
  April 2014: nearly 50
Slide 5: The Current State of Assessment

Other progress to date:
1. Increase in faculty and staff participation
2. The collection of program outcomes
3. The creation of new general education outcomes
4. Increased participation in national benchmarking

Slide 6: The Future of Assessment at PCC

Working within a continuous improvement model, PCC’s infrastructure and practices related to assessment need to be improved and expanded.

Action Items:
1. The creation of an Office of Assessment
2. The expansion of assessment to all non-academic areas
3. Increased faculty and administrator involvement
4. Assessment-driven curriculum and program changes
5. Develop web presence