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### **Task Force for Statewide Assessment Looking Forward: AY 2020 Session Summary from Friday, March 1, 2019**

We should re-focus on our original charge, i.e., to provide advice and counsel to the Commissioner for Higher Education on statewide assessment policy and practices

Meet less frequently (i.e., twice a year; once in the fall and once in the spring) and use the time to talk about our role as a LEAP State and how that influences campus-level assessment work; reaffirm the value placed in the use of authentic student artifacts

Rename the Task Force to the Assessment Advisory Council

Establish sub-committees that can address challenges being faced by campuses, and develop recommendations for how we can address those challenges and set priorities, i.e.:

- Union/CBA and how they affect creating a climate of assessment
- Campus-level assessment staffing or lack thereof
- Legislative issues that affect assessment
- Development of a campus-level faculty communication plan
- Addressing the issue of equity in assessment
- Addressing the linkage between K-12 and Higher Education regarding student learning
- Assessing the impact of Early College and increased Adult Learners students on student learning in higher education
- How do (Should) we embed assessment into other DHE initiatives?
- How do we engage student affairs/services into the assessment conversation on our campuses?
- Assessing the impact of OER implementation on our campuses