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The Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
AQIP Newsletter

The Nine AQIP Categories

1. Helping Students Learn
2. Accomplishing Other Distinctive Objectives
3. Understanding Students' & Other Stakeholders' Needs
4. Valuing People
5. Leading & Communicating
6. Supporting Institutional Operations
7. Measuring Effectiveness
8. Planning Continuous Improvement
9. Building Collaborative Relationships

These nine categories are the key processes for measuring and analyzing our institution's performance within AQIP.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a big believer in continuous improvement processes, I am extremely excited about WITC's involvement with the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). I was fortunate to have been involved with the AQIP approach during my tenure at UW-Stout and know firsthand that this process is very effective at bringing about meaningful institutional change. I am therefore looking forward with anticipation to the positive outcomes that will occur as WITC moves forward with action projects that focus on Assessment, Communication, Programming, and Technology. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the committee members that are dedicating their time and effort to each of these important action projects. Your hard work and leadership will help us become a better and more effective learning College.

Bob

WITC AQIP JOURNEY Next Steps



October 2008
On-going

Strategy Forum
Action Projects
Annual Updates

2008-2012
2014-2015

Systems Portfolio compiled/completed
Reaffirmation of accreditation

Mark Your Calendars



September 1, 2008 – Applications for QISC membership or Communication Action Plan Committee DUE – **Get Involved!**

**The WITC Quality
Improvement Steering
Committee (QISC) Team
Members**

Co-Chairs:

Diane Vertin, Superior
Barb Williams, Superior

Alex Birkholz, New Richmond
Ann Charbonneau, Superior
Mimi Crandall, Ashland
Becka Cusick, Shell Lake
Bruce Davenport, Rice Lake
Wendy Dusek, New Richmond
Shane Evenson, Shell Lake
Craig Fowler, Rice Lake
Paul Haugen, Ashland
Joe Huftel, New Richmond
Mark Kearns, New Richmond
Jennifer Kunselman, Shell Lake
Barb Landstrom, Shell Lake
Ted May, Ashland
Bob Meyer, Shell Lake
Kim Olson, Shell Lake
Bambi Pattermann, Ashland
Mary Ann Pebler, Rice Lake
Chris Saxild, Ashland
Tim Schreiner, Shell Lake
Laura Sullivan, Ashland
Kelly Sylte, New Richmond
John Will, Shell Lake

Recorder:

Mary Peters, Shell Lake

Action Projects Update

Get Involved!

The action projects (Assessment, Communication, Programming and Technology) identified by staff are in the initial stages. In October the co-chairs will attend the AQIP Strategy Forum to define the action projects to help ensure that the projects are realistic and can be implemented at the college. Co-chairs for the projects are:

- **Assessment** – Wendy Dusek (NR faculty) and Barb Landstrom (Director, Assessment & Tech Prep)
- **Communication** – Mark Kearns (NR faculty) and John Will (Vice President, Administrative Services)
- **Programming** – Kelly Sylte (NR faculty and Diane Vertin (Vice President, Academic Affairs & Superior Campus Administrator)
- **Technology** – Joe Huftel (Vice President, Instructional Technology & New Richmond Campus Administrator) and Barb Williams (SUP faculty)

Staff participation is needed for all College quality improvement initiatives. At this time we are looking for members for the Quality Improvement Steering Committee (QISC) and the communication action project team. We are looking for individuals who will become actively engaged and involved. **WE NEED YOU!!!!**

If you are interested, please fill out the application **by September 1** that was emailed to you from Barb Williams on July 23 and return to her. Let Barb know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your participation!

Reminder - QISC e-mail user

All information from the Quality Improvement Steering Committee (QISC) will come from the QISC e-mail sender.



RECOMMENDED READINGS

Want to learn more about the AQIP process and continuous improvement? Some good reads:

[*Millennials go to College*](#)
by Howe and Strauss

[*Good to Great*](#)
by Jim Collins

Assessment Academy Update

By: Barb Landstrom and Wendy Dusek, Co-chairs



Eleven members of WITC's Assessment Team attended an Assessment Academy sponsored by the Higher Learning Commission June 18-20 in Lisle, Illinois. They worked on two action plans while there:

- one involved the development of **an overall student learning assessment plan and time line**
- and the other project involved the **new** College-wide Outcomes and how to assess and document **that** students graduating from WITC programs are achieving those outcomes.

The two groups accomplished a lot and will reunite as one group to work with all staff concerning the **overall assessment plan and** College-wide Outcomes in the fall. **WITC will be involved with Academy activities for the next 4 years.**

Stay tuned!

Other college AQIP Action Plans

[Click here to get to the action project search screen](#)

Strategy Forum Update

In October, co-chairs of the action project teams will attend the Strategy Forum Workshop. At this event, the team will work with consultants to examine our quality efforts, action projects and goals. In addition, the team will explore ways to integrate the action projects into other continuous improvement initiatives.

Team members will have the opportunity to work with representatives from different states, public and private, two- and four-year, rural and urban institutions as well as institutions at the beginning and middle stages of the AQIP cycle.

The forum is an interactive workshop that will help us define our action projects into realistic, doable projects!



Q & As

If you have specific questions related to AQIP, please e-mail them to QISC@witc.edu.