

Detail:

The following review is being presented for the Board's information as it pertains to required submission of an Academic Quality Improvement Program Systems Portfolio.

Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) allows participating institutions to align their continuous improvement initiatives with required accreditation measures. This format provides evidence that a college does meet standards for continuing accreditation through Action Projects and Stretch Targets, achieving targets, and reporting outcome results. This accreditation guide would replace the prior ten-year accreditation cycle that Barton was formerly committed.

The Barton Systems Portfolio addresses the nine AQIP Categories, describing processes, results, and improvement in each system, and provides assurance that the College is addressing The Higher Learning Commission's five Criteria for Accreditation. Submittal of the Systems Portfolio is necessary in order to maintain Higher Learning Commission accreditation.

Recommendation:

Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Systems Portfolio is presented to the Board for their approval to submit to The Higher Learning Commission. Based on Board Approval, Barton will submit the Systems Portfolio by November 1, 2011, and receive "actionable feedback" in spring 2012. This feedback from HLC will drive additional Action Projects to further align Barton systems. Accreditation is a seven year cycle, with a check-up visit a year or two prior to the Reaffirmation of Accreditation review.