

This is to update you all regarding our next step in the HLC AQIP accreditation process.

A group of eight Barton representatives will be traveling in early October to attend the HLC Strategy Forum (held about an hour west of Chicago). This step is required following receipt of the Systems Appraisal Feedback Report which was received from HLC following the submission of our Portfolio last November. The purpose of the Forum is to assist colleges in aligning the feedback report with institutional priorities and goals, and to encourage and support the creation and implementation of Action Projects that will continue the path of continuous quality improvement.

“Pre-forum homework” was sent to us and several folks are pulling together the data and information necessary for our response. In this regard, you will soon be receiving an HR email to comment concerning a new procedure. The procedure does not change current practice which utilizes the KBOR definition (built upon federal guidelines). The new policy simply pulls this information together into an official College Procedure.

Another step which has been made in our AQIP process is the identification of “Category Teams”. Nine teams have been identified which align with the nine AQIP categories (membership is noted below). More information regarding our Teams to come, but please access these individuals as you identify possible Action Project Ideas.

### **Strategy Forum Attendees:**

1. Unnamed Trustee
2. Dr. Carl Heilman, President
3. Dr. Penny Quinn, Vice President
4. Charles Perkins, Dean of Information Services
5. Ange Sullivan, Associate Dean of Distance Learning
6. Myrna Perkins, Assistant Dean of Student Services & Director of Financial Aid
7. Jo Harrington, Faculty Member & Outcome Assessment Co-Chair
8. Gil Cloud, Faculty Member & Appreciative Inquiry Co-Leader

### **Category Team Membership:**

#### **1. Helping Students Learn**

- a. Rick Abel, Dean of Academics - - Co-chair
- b. Ange Sullivan, Interim Associate Dean of Distance Learning - - Co-chair
- c. Cristi Gale, Computer Networking Instructor/Coordinator
- d. Stephanie Goerl, Instructor
- e. Gretchen Lewis, Instructor
- f. Blanca Oviedo, Title III Instructional Specialist

#### **2. Accomplishing Other Distinct Objectives**

- a. Gene Kingslien, Dean of FR Learning Services & Military Operations - - Co-Chair
- b. Bill Nash, Dean of Technical Education - - Co-Chair
- c. Bert Besthorn, Instructor
- d. Coleen Cape, Coordinator of Fundraising and Special Events
- e. Joe Thornton, Instructor/Director of ABE, GED, & ESOL

### **3. Understanding Students' and Other Stakeholder Needs**

- a. Angie Maddy, Dean of Student Services - - Co-Chair
- b. Darnell Holopirek, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement - - Co-Chair
- c. Kathy Boeger, Instructor/Coordinator
- d. Trevor Rolfs, Director of Athletics
- e. Dr. Charles Davis, Instructor
- f. Abby Werth, Programs Manager

### **4. Valuing People**

- a. Julie Knoblich, Director of Human Resources - - Co-Chair
- b. Mark Shipman, Instructor - - Co-Chair
- c. Shanna Legleiter, Instructor/Coordinator
- d. Carol Dellinger, Counselor

### **5. Leading and Communicating**

- a. Brandon Steinert, Director of Public Relations - - Co-Chair
- b. Anne Higgins, Recruitment & Employment Coordinator - - Co-Chair
- c. Jane Howard, Executive Director of Business, Technology, & Community Education
- d. Amye Schneider, Administrative Assistant to the President
- e. Randy Thode, Student Services Concierge

### **6. Supporting Institutional Operations**

- a. Mark Dean, Dean of Administration - - Co-Chair
- b. Tana Cooper, Director of Admissions - - Co-Chair
- c. Alissa Duncan, Instructor
- d. Terri Mebane, Director of Military Programs
- e. Ron Kirmer, Instructor

### **7. Measuring Effectiveness**

- a. Caicey Crutcher, Coordinator of Instructional & Institutional Research - - Co-Chair
- b. Jo Harrington, Instructor - - Co-Chair
- c. Jane Youngers, Assistant Director of Nursing Education & Nursing Instructor
- d. Brenda Siebold, Instructor

### **8. Planning Continuous Improvement**

- a. Penny Quinn, VP
- b. Cathie Oshiro, Director of Grants
- c. Charles Perkins, Dean of Information Services
- d. Myrna Perkins, Assistant Dean of Student Services & Director of Financial Aid
- e. Multiple Action Project Leaders

### **9. Building Collaborative Relationships**

- a. Elaine Simmons, Dean of Workforce Training & Community Education - - Co-Chair
- b. John Truitt, Executive Director of Technical & Military Programs - - Co-Chair
- c. Gil Cloud, Instructor
- d. Brian Howe, Instructor
- e. Linda McCaffery, Instructor