

AQIP 101 FOR FACULTY

AQIP Quality Check-Up Visit: March 14-16, 2012

- Open Meeting with Faculty March 16 2:45-3:30pm MUB Ballroom
- University Reception March 16 4:30-5:30pm Opie Reading Room, Van Pelt & Opie Library
- Evaluators:
 - Dr. Charles F. Harrington, PhD
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http://www.uncp.edu/business/faculty_web_pages/CH/index.htm
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Everything you need to know about AQIP is at <http://www.mtu.edu/aqip/>

The screenshot shows the Michigan Tech AQIP website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'A to Z', 'Calendar', 'Giving', 'Contact Us', 'We're Hiring', and 'Huskymail'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Faculty/Staff' link. The main content area is titled 'ACADEMIC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP)'. On the left, there are several menu items: 'ACTION PROJECTS' (with sub-links: About, Active, Completed, Propose An Action Project), 'ACREDITATION CRITERIA', 'SYSTEMS PORTFOLIO', and 'QUICK LINKS' (with sub-links: Action Project Directory, Higher Learning Commission-AQIP, Contact Us). The main text area contains a large image of students in a classroom, followed by a paragraph explaining that Michigan Tech is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and has been continuously accredited since 1928. It also mentions that Michigan Tech was accepted into the AQIP in 2005. To the right of the main text is a sidebar titled 'AQIP INFORMATION' with a list of links: 'What is accreditation?', 'Maintaining accreditation', 'Directory of Higher Learning Commission Accredited Colleges & Universities', and 'Innovative Practices'. Below this sidebar is a logo for 'ACCREDITED The Higher Learning Commission MEMBER' with a link to the HLC web site. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with contact information for the Provost's Office and Michigan Technological University, including addresses and phone numbers.

Quick Facts:

- AQIP is the way Michigan Tech chose to be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.
- AQIP focuses on quality process and improvement. For example, instead of reviewing the curriculum or faculty credentials, it will look at our processes for meeting our learning goals and our processes for hiring faculty that assure quality education and quality faculty.
- AQIP is data-driven. Processes should gather data on areas of interest, make changes based on this data, and review data to determine impact of the changes – aka “close the loop.”

AQIP requires

- Meeting **Five Accreditation Criteria**.
 1. Mission and Integrity
 2. Preparing for the Future
 3. Student Learning and Effective Teaching
 4. Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge
 5. Engagement and Service

- A **Systems Portfolio** that demonstrates our quality processes for nine key areas.
 1. Helping Students Learn - this includes **assessment**
 2. Accomplishing Other Distinctive Objectives – research, tech transfer
 3. Understanding Students’ and other Stakeholders’ Needs
 4. Valuing People
 5. Leading and Communicating
 6. Supporting Institutional Operations
 7. Measuring Effectiveness
 8. Planning Continuous Improvement
 9. Building Collaborative Relationships

- **Action Projects** that improve our processes and results.
 - Three projects ongoing every year.

This year our projects are:

 1. Increasing Gender Diversity of Faculty & Students
 2. Improving Student Success
 3. Professional Development

Completed projects include:

 1. Improving the Diversity of the Faculty
 2. Classroom and Facilities Upgrade
 3. Comprehensive University Space Inventory (ASPIRE)
 4. Carbon Counting
 5. Academic Advising Enhancement
 6. Improving the Processes Associated with the International Experience
 - One project must be “helping students learn.”

- **Assessment of Student Learning** See <http://www.mtu.edu/provost/accreditation/assessment/>
 - In 2011 we established eight University Learning Goals
<http://www.mtu.edu/provost/office/vice-president/university-learning/>
 - The Assessment Council is working with colleges and schools to integrate degree program learning goals and the university goals and review results to “close the loop.”