



AQIP Action Projects Questions & Answers

What is an Action Project?

Action Projects are focused improvement initiatives that will help SCC advance and improve college processes. Having Action Projects on file with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) demonstrates the college's commitment to quality improvement efforts.

Doesn't SCC already do this?

Several of SCC's current initiatives could be considered action projects. Examples include:

Development and Implementation of SCC's comprehensive <i>Diversity Plan</i>	Creation of an intrusive <i>Student Advising Model</i>	Redesign and refocus of <i>Assessment</i> and the <i>Student Learning Committee</i>
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AQIP will push the college to develop the superstructure(s) necessary to organize and monitor these Action Projects to further improve our performance.

How will Action Projects be Chosen?

The specific process for determining SCC's Action Projects is just one of the many things the AQIP Steering Committee is working on this spring. It is clear from our research of current AQIP colleges that SCC's Action Projects

- must align with the college's Strategic Plan;
- be supported and monitored with data;
- be focused on improving the college's performance; and
- incorporate a process that is transparent, consultative, and engaging for stakeholders.

Ideas? Things to consider?

HLC suggests that we search for institutional challenges and opportunities that

- make a serious and visible difference to college performance;
- embody challenging but attainable goals;
- stretch the college in new ways – to learn and to excel; and
- focus on both efficiency and benefits to students and other stakeholders

How can you get involved?

Watch for opportunities for providing your input on potential action projects.

- Participate in the college's Strategic Planning
- Complete stakeholder surveys; for example the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), PACE, etc.
- Keep up with AQIP communications and training opportunities

Consider serving on an Action Team!



How long does an Action Project take?

A few months to several years.

How many do we need?

SCC will be required to commit to, report on, and publically share at least three (3) Action Projects at all times.

When will we start them?

The college is waiting for HLC/AQIP to offer a Strategy Forum specifically for new AQIP institutions. A Strategy Forum is a supportive, HLC facilitated peer review process for selecting and examining your first Action Projects.

In the meantime, the AQIP Steering Committee is developing strategies for communicating about continuous improvement, organizing training opportunities, framing a process for considering /monitoring action projects, and learning more about the requirements of a Systems Portfolio.