

AQIP Project Commitment Declaration

Institution: Purdue University Calumet

Planned project completion date:

Target project completion date: March 30, 2007

Actual project completion date:

A. Give this Action Project a short title in 10 words

Creation of a Program Review Process with a Focus on Student Learning Outcomes

B. Describe the Action Project's goal in 100 words or fewer.

Purdue University Calumet will redesign the program review process with a focus on assessment of student learning outcomes at each academic program level. Those involved in this project will redesign a process for periodic review of academic programs. This redesign involves an expansion of the current process to include oversight and review of assessment processes of student learning.

C. Identify the single AQIP Category that this Action Project will most affect or impact.

Category I- Helping Students Learn

D. Describe briefly your institution's reasons for taking on this Action Project now – why the project and its goals are high among your current priorities.

All Purdue University Calumet academic programs – both those with program accreditation standards and those without – need to show evidence of student learning outcomes. The program review process offers a systematic review of programs to ensure consistency of assessment and subsequent program development based on this assessment.

E. List the organizational areas-institutional departments, programs, divisions, or units – most affected by or involved in this Action Project.

All academic departments at Purdue University Calumet are involved in program review. Members of a Program Review Committee will redesign this process, with input from each academic department. This Program Review Committee has cross-university representation. An AQIP Steering Committee comprised of the vice chancellors, the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, and others will oversee the work of the Program Review Committee.

F. Name and describe briefly the key organizational process(es) that you expect this Action Project to change or improve.

Review of all academic programs with a focus on student learning outcomes.

G. Explain the rationale for the length of time planned for this Action Project (from kickoff to target completion).

Following feedback on Systems Portfolio (October 2005) and Strategy Forum (February 2006), the decision was made to create the Program Review Committee to start work in March 2006. The Committee has approximately nine months to work with academic departments to create this program review process, with the implementation of the process commencing in spring 2007.

H. Describe how you plan to monitor how successfully your efforts on this Action Project are progressing.

- a. Review existing PUC guidelines for program review.
- b. Work closely with academic departments and schools and the University Senate to redesign the program review process. Ensure student learning outcomes are part of the program review.
- c. Recommend a timeline for implementation of this redesigned program review process

I. Describe the overall outcome measures or indicators that will tell you whether this Action Project has been a success or failure in achieving its goals.

Redesigned Program Review process will include:

Components for program review, with emphasis on student learning outcomes

Timeline for implementation of new process

J. Other information

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