

Strategic Planning & Budgeting Advisory Committee
Wed., March 1, 2017
3-5 p.m., Cadillac/Brule Room, UC
(Open Block-style set-up)

NOTE: President Erickson and Provost Schuiling both out-of-town and unable to attend this meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF TODAY'S SPEAKERS

- Kim Barron, Director, NMU Institutional Accreditation
- Dave Rayome, Dean, College of Business
- Nanci Gasiewicz, Associate Dean/Director, Nursing
- Joe Lubig, Dean for Teacher Education & Director of Education
- Judy Puncochar, Professor, School of Education & Coordinator of Assessment of Student Learning

OVERVIEW OF HLC ACCREDITATION

Guest speaker Kim Barron reviewed the accreditation cycle. In 20 days, NMU is hosting a team representing Higher Learning Commission (HLC) who will review the standards and criteria for accreditation. These can be found at <http://www.nmu.edu/aqip/comprehensive-quality-review>.

Action Projects are improvement plans that provide the HLC with evidence that AQIP institutions are extremely dedicated to continuous improvement. These projects show that shared efforts can result in a positive change for the university. All AQIP institutions require at least three Action Projects active and underway at all times. They do not have a set timeline – the projects can take 6 weeks, 6 months, or 2 years. They permit institutions to learn how to identify and solve problems quickly. Ms. Barron handed out a small group discussion project where each group was required to come up with several ideas for an Action Project.

DISCIPLINARY ACCREDITATION

Guest speaker Nanci Gasiewicz stated that the School of Nursing goes through accreditation every 10 years for the baccalaureate and doctor of nursing practice degree programs. Their last accreditation process was in January 2016 with zero deficiencies.

Guest speaker Joe Lubig shared his expertise of accreditation within the School of Education. The school is on a seven-year accreditation cycle and accredited by the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Accreditation guarantees education students to be prepared to practice in their careers. It also tells the community that our School of Education operates at a high level of educational quality and integrity.

Guest speaker Dave Rayome, Dean of the College of Business, explained business accreditation. One of the most important factors that students consider when selecting a business school is the accreditation status of the college/university. There are three business accreditation agencies:

- AACSB-Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; most widely recognized and represents only the highest standards of achievement regarding business schools; NMU is AACSB-accredited.
- ACBSP-Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs; not as prominent as the AACSB, but do accredit quality business programs.
- IACBE-International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education; accredits colleges and universities that only offer associate degrees in business.

STUDENT LEARNING

Guest speaker Judy Puncochar gave a presentation on Assessment of Student Learning. She is coordinator of this 14-member committee that reviews data and reports to make sure students are learning what our curriculum indicates. The committee is currently seeking more members.

Respectfully submitted,

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