Accreditation at SCC
Accreditation

• **Institutional level**
  
  – Higher Learning Commission (AQIP – Academic Quality Improvement Program)
  
  – Iowa Department of Education

• **Program level**
  
  – Many programs are accredited, including:
    
    • Nursing (Iowa Board of Nursing)
    
    • Automotive Technology (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence)
    
    • Concurrent Enrollment (National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships) – (have applied)
    
    • EMS (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education)
Iowa Department of Education

- Comprehensive visit (every 10 years)
- Interim visits (every 5 years)
- Last comprehensive visit April, 2010
- Next visits: 2016 (interim) 2021 (comprehensive)
AQIP
Academic Quality Improvement Program

• Accepted in 2006

• Cabinet has oversight

• Ongoing continuous improvement as demonstrated by cyclical activities
AQIP, cont.

- Annually: Update progress on action projects
- Every 4 years: 100 page Systems Portfolio
  - Submitted first one June, 2009, received feedback in September, 2009
    - Feedback report: no major issues, just “opportunities for improvement”
    - Will be addressing these issues
  - Next one due 2013
- Every 7 years: Quality Checkup visit & Reaffirmation (2014)
Action Projects

• Improvement projects demonstrating continuous improvement – data driven

• 3 required at all times

• Annual updates to the HLC

• Current projects:
  – Academic rigor
  – IT disaster recovery
  – Assessment of student learning
Continuous Process Improvement (CPI)

• Ongoing employee training in continuous improvement and systems

• Team tackles an issue or question using CPI tools
  – Define & analyze the process (data driven)
  – Develop improvement plan
  – Implement and study the results
CPI Examples

- Data Security
- New Programming
- Program Review Process
- Campus Security
- IT Disaster Recovery

- Faculty Mentoring
- Student Retention
- Customer Service
- Collegial Feedback
- Employee Recognition
- Adjunct hiring process
Action Projects and CPI

• Sources for project ideas
  – Systems Portfolio Feedback Report
  – Iowa Department of Education Accreditation Report
  – Suggestions from employees
Questions?

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