



May 31, 2018

Mr. John Masterson
President
Allen County Community College
1801 N. Cottonwood
Topeka, KS 66649

Dear President Masterson:

Attached is the Quality Initiative Report (QIR) Review evaluation information. Allen County Community College's QIR showed genuine effort and has been accepted by the Commission. The attached reviewer evaluation contains a rationale for this outcome.

Peer reviewers evaluate all the QIRs based on the genuine effort of the institution, the seriousness of the undertaking, the significance of scope and impact of the work, the genuineness of the commitment to the initiative, and adequate resource provision.

If you have questions about the QIR reviewer information, please contact either Kathy Bijak (kbijak@hlcommission.org) or Pat Newton-Curran (pnewton@hlcommission.org).

Higher Learning Commission



FORM

Open Pathway Quality Initiative Report

Panel Review and Recommendation Form

The Quality Initiative panel review process confirms or questions the institution's effort in undertaking the Quality Initiative proposal approved by the Commission. As indicated in the explication of the review, the Quality Initiative process encourages institutions to take risks, innovate, take on a tough challenge, or pursue a yet unproven strategy or hypothesis. Thus failure of an initiative to achieve its goals is acceptable. An institution may learn much from such failure. What is not acceptable is failure of the institution to pursue the initiative with genuine effort. Genuineness of effort, not success of the initiative, constitutes the focus of the Quality Initiative review and serves as its sole point of evaluation.

Name of Institution:

Allen County Community College

State: Kansas

Institutional ID: 1265

Reviewers (names, titles, institutions):

Dr. Maura Abrahamson, Department Chair, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Morton College

Dr. Peter Bemski, Ret.

Date: 5/29/18

I. Quality Initiative Review

- ☒ The institution demonstrated its seriousness of the undertaking.
- ☒ The institution demonstrated that the initiative had scope and impact.
- ☒ The institution demonstrated a commitment to and engagement in the initiative.
- ☒ The institution demonstrated adequate resource provision.

II. Recommendation

- ☒ The panel confirms genuine effort on the part of the institution.

☐ The panel cannot confirm genuine effort on the part of the institution.

III. Rationale (required)

Allen County Community College Quality Initiative (QI), Institutional Data Improvement and Utilization focused on data collection, analysis, reporting, and utilization of institutional data. The College has used a variety of human, financial, physical, and technological resources to ensure that data-informed decision-making is possible in the current culture of the institution. Evidence, such as improvements made by the Biology department, demonstrates that data is being used to inform change. Additionally, the College has been able to overcome obstacles, such as those surrounding functionality in the Jenzabar system.

It may be beneficial to embed in an ongoing plan measures and milestones for assessing the effectiveness of accomplishments cited in the "Accomplishments in relation to purpose and goals of the initiative" section of this report. As mentioned in the report, results from participation in the National Community College Benchmarking Project will provide important insight. This plan may provide a means for ensuring the sustainability of changes well into the future.