
Action Project

Using an Evaluation Criterion Matrix to Prioritize Strategic Issues

Annual Update: 2006-09-12

A. Describe the past year's accomplishments and the current status of this Action Project.

This action project will not be carried out as proposed. Throughout the year, detailed environmental studies, surveys and focus groups were held to develop an extensive database that formed the basis of planning operations. During the development of the strategic plan for 2006-2011, it was decided to better define the actual implementation of the plan. The initiatives of the new strategic plan will be the responsibility of the executive leadership and will be associated closely to the annual operational plans for the college, evaluation of the staff, and the implementation of the college budget.

Review (09-22-06):

San Juan College has chosen to amend the proposed Action Project. Instead of developing an evaluation matrix to assist in the prioritization of operational and strategic issues, the institution has utilized college-wide and other input to further define the strategic plan for 2006-2011 and develop a database to form the basis for planning operations. This database will track the implementation of strategic planning initiatives. Executive leadership will bear the responsibility for the planning initiatives which will be associated with annual operations plans, staff evaluations and the college budget. The college project supports the AQIP criterion of planning continuous improvement. Its change in methodology for doing so accentuates the value it places upon this critical criterion.

B. Describe how the institution involved people in work on this Action Project.

Students, community groups, faculty, and staff were involved throughout a one year project to develop the 5-year strategic plan for the college that is closely tied to the mission. In addition, the group worked to develop an annual operational and budgeting plan to ensure the implementation of the college plan. The plan has been communicated and distributed throughout the college and community.

Review (09-22-06):

San Juan College has demonstrated the importance of the AQIP criterion, Leading and Communicating, by involving university-wide as well as community representatives in the strategic planning process. From the college's accounts, planning and budgeting are interwoven and shared on all levels. The AQIP values of involvement, people, and collaboration are also affirmed.

C. Describe your planned next steps for this Action Project.

This project will be on-going but will be retired.

Review (09-22-06):

It would be useful to have more detail here. This is necessary to ensure the project's successful completion. For instance, what are the remaining tasks to be completed for this project? And, is there a time line for its ultimate completion. By providing this information, the college will be better able to follow this action project's progress.

D. Describe any "effective practice(s)" that resulted from your work on this Action Project.

The involvement of all stakeholders in the development, execution, and communication of the strategic plan worked to provide a new level of commitment.

Review (09-22-06):

The college is to be commended for its recognition of the importance of involving all stakeholders in planning. As pointed out by the school, involvement can lead to real commitment. This realization and practice is certainly transferable to other university efforts.

E. What challenges, if any, are you still facing in regards to this Action Project?

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F. If you would like to discuss the possibility of AQIP providing you help to stimulate progress on this action project, explain your need(s) here and tell us who to contact and when?

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