

HLC ACCREDITATION: KEY ACTIVITIES

Faculty Senate Update

April 11, 2018



**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873**



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Southeast is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, which includes 19 states.



Southeast is accredited through the AQIP Pathway (Academic Quality Improvement Program).

The AQIP Pathway is one of three options institutions have for maintaining accreditation with HLC. Like the other pathways, it is focused on quality assurance and institutional improvement, but with an added emphasis on helping institutions achieve continuous quality improvement. Many of the processes are built around the AQIP Pathway Categories, which provide a framework that institutions can use to examine their key processes and analyze, understand, and explore opportunities for improvement. The AQIP Pathway follows an eight-year cycle.

Southeast is in Year 6 of
the 8-year AQIP Cycle.

Our Systems Portfolio is
due on December 3,
2018.

AQIP Pathway Categories

Category 1: Helping Students Learn

Category 2: Meeting Students and Other Key Stakeholder Needs

Category 3: Valuing Employees

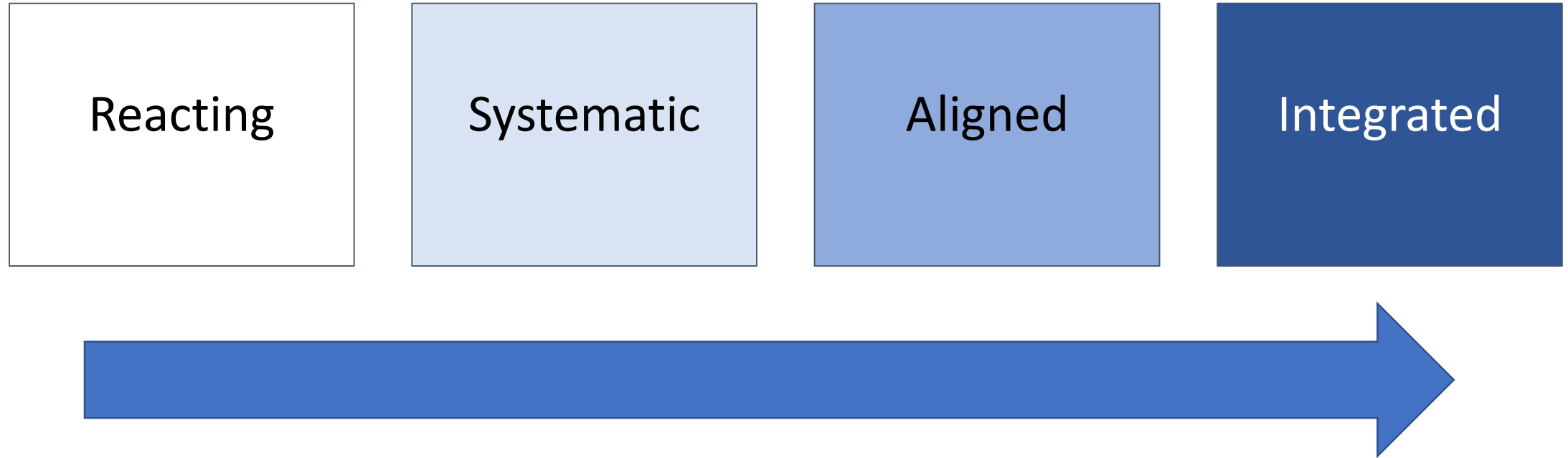
Category 4: Planning and Leading

Category 5: Knowledge Management and Resource Stewardship

Category 6: Quality Overview

- Processes (P)
- Results (R)
- Improvements (I)

Stages in systems maturity



Systems Portfolio Project Plan

- We are in Stage 3: Drafting.
- We aim to submit our portfolio by November 23, 2018.
- We will provide workshops for faculty, staff, and students during the Fall and Spring semesters to prepare for the CQR.
- More information is available (including previous years' portfolios, feedback, action projects) at www.semo.edu/aqip.
- I am your Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO). Please email me at baldenrivers@semo.edu with any questions or if you would like to help in any way.