

The Higher Education Community Network

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About two years ago, the Higher Education Advisory Council, chaired by the Education Division's past chair, John Dew, conceptualized the idea of a higher education network in which the college faculty could share course material including a course syllabus or case studies related to courses in quality. The idea of a shared open courseware network grew out of MIT's concept of its OpenCourseWare effort. In the case of ASQ's Higher Education Community Network (HECN), the hope was that faculty who teach courses on quality, in engineering, business, statistics or other credit courses, would contribute to the network so that sharing of the design of courses would occur. The HECN is open only to ASQ members.

To date, the Network has not reached its potential. Only a few course outlines and case studies have been contributed. If you teach a college credit course on quality, we would like you to consider if your course material could be contributed to our network. Even if it is only the course outline, we would appreciate its inclusion on the network. Visit the website for details. If you are not a current member of the network, please sign up and pass this information on to your colleagues who teach courses in quality. A benefit of signing up for the HECN is that network members automatically receive the bi-monthly *ASQ Higher Education Brief* online magazine on topics of interest in higher education.

We would like to grow this network so it reaches its potential in sharing course material with faculty who teach courses in quality. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Cindy Veenstra (cpveenst@umich.edu) with an email subject of Higher Education Community.