



A group of people are seated around a large conference table in a meeting room. They are looking towards a presentation screen on the left, which displays a pie chart and some text. A whiteboard with many colorful sticky notes is visible in the background. A woman is standing near the whiteboard, possibly presenting. The room has a large window on the left and a television mounted on the wall.

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Lean Outreach and Connections

- **New Board Member of Statewide Lean Organization.** Theresa Coleman-Kaiser, Associate Vice President for Administration, was elected to the Board of Directors for the [Michigan Lean Consortium](#) (MLC). She will serve a three-year term on the ten-member board, which will begin in August during the organization's annual conference.
- **Manley Presented the Red Bead Experiment.** Thirty-nine people from the campus and community experienced Dr. W. Edward Deming's [Red Bead Experiment](#), presented by Jim Manley. Jim is the Managing Director of the Demmer Center for Business Transformation at the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University. Jim learned this workshop from Dr. Deming himself, who used the Red Bead Experiment to provide a simple yet powerful message about how success is directly tied to and limited by the nature of the system one works within.
- **Workshop Held on Lean Concepts.** Jean Cunningham presented a [workshop on understanding Lean concepts](#) using hands-on simulations to 48 campus and community members. Jean is principal of Jean Cunningham Consulting, which provides lean business management services including workshops, kaizen events and strategic coaching. She speaks at Lean conferences and teaches Lean Accounting for Ohio State University's Master of Business Operational Excellence.
- **Copper Country Lean Group Expanding.** The Copper Country Lean Group met at UP Health Systems--Portage in May. Portage Health Rehab presented on how they're using Lean principles in their department, followed by a discussion on visual management. Seven Portage Health employees took advantage of the meeting's proximity by attending the meeting to learn more about Lean. Subsequently, many Portage Health employees attended the campus-wide presentations described above.
- **Students on the Road.** Six members of the Leaders in Continuous Improvement (LCI) student organization went on an [industry trip](#) to Parker Hannifin in Wisconsin. There, they were able to see firsthand the activities and behaviors in a Certified Lean Model Plant. The tour was set up by a recent Michigan Tech alumna, who is a value stream team leader at the plant.
- **Professional Development Day Successful.** The Office of Continuous Improvement presented a workshop on Lean problem solving skills to 120 Michigan Tech employees as part of Auxiliary Services, HR, and Public Safety's joint professional development day. Lean problem solving emphasizes root cause analysis before choosing a solution.



Continuous Improvement Events as of June 30, 2015

| Executive Team Area | Active as of 30 June 15 | Completed since last report 3 April – 30 Jun 15 | Completed FY15 YTD | Completed FY14 Full Year |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Academic Affairs | | | | 7 |
| Administration | | | | 29 |
| Financial Services and Operations | | | | 1 |
| Information Services | | | | 1 |
| Research | | | | 2 |
| Student Affairs and Advancement | | | | 4 |
| Total | | | | 44 |