## **ASEE MIDWEST SECTION 2012**

## **Plenary Speaker**

A Two-Year Experience to ABET Accreditation

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8:10AM - 9:00AM | St. Pat's A Room | Havener Center



**Abstract** – The ABET accreditation process can be a tricky one. Navigating the policy manuals, writing the report, understanding the process, and preparing for the visit takes time, teamwork, and communication. St. Louis Community College received re-accreditation for its Mechanical Engineering Technology AAS degree in 2011. This presentation will cover the ABET requirements and provide insight to help guide you on your own path to accreditation.

**Biography** – Tom McGovern is an Associate Professor at St. Louis Community College (STLCC) in the Engineering and Technology Department. Tom teaches a wide variety of Mechanical Engineering Technology courses. His teaching career covers ten years split between STLCC and Pratt Community College in Kansas. He worked for 10 year in industry with Delphi Automotive and CTS Wireless, Motorola's parts division. He has an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Tulane University and B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics from Tulane University. His current hobby is running FIRST FTC robotics events in the state of Missouri. He has been married for four years and has a wonderful three year old son.