President and Provost Roundtable Discussion
Topic: Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)
SACSCOC Reaffirmation of Accreditation

“Developing a QEP as part of the reaffirmation process is an opportunity and an impetus for an institution to enhance overall institutional quality and effectiveness by focusing on an issue or issues the institution considers important to improving student learning” (SACSCOC Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation).

DRAFT QEP SACSCOC Standard (Formerly CR 2.12 and CS 3.3.2)
The institution has developed a Quality Enhancement Plan, with a topic emerging from its ongoing comprehensive planning and evaluation processes, that
1) focuses on improving specific student learning outcomes and/or student success,
2) demonstrates institutional commitment of resources to initiate, implement and complete the QEP, and
3) includes a plan to assess achievement. (Quality Enhancement Plan)

A successful QEP must ...
• directly impact student learning
• be meaningful to the institution and its students
• be manageable (clear, concise, focused)
• be born from institutional data/assessments
• be assessable (measurable student learning outcomes)

SACSCOC Reaffirmation Timeline

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<td>QEP Plan Submission to SACSCOC</td>
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QEP Topic Selection Process
1) Publicize key SHSU data on QEP website: [http://www.shsu.edu/sacscoc/2019/qep-process.html](http://www.shsu.edu/sacscoc/2019/qep-process.html)
2) Hold town hall meetings for QEP education and idea generation
3) Solicit QEP topic mini-white papers
4) Survey the campus community to narrow submitted/vetted ideas
5) Select QEP
QEP Example Topics

- SHSU’s previous QEP: Foundations of Science: Improving Scientific Reasoning Among Non-Science Majors (http://www.shsu.edu/qep/index.html)
- Learning in Action: Developing Real-World Problem Solvers through High Quality Experiential Learning
- Bringing the World to UNO: Global Learning and Engagement
- Write Well, Think Well: Toward a Culture of Writing
- Exceptional Programs for Learning Online, Research, and Engagement (EXPLORE)
- Go Figure! Connect With Numbers
- The Nature of Evidence
- Think FSU: Improving Critical Thinking in the Disciplines
- Fostering Personal and Social Responsibility through Experiential Learning
- LSU Discover – Undergraduate Research
- Discern, Experience, Achieve--Preparing for Life and Work in a Changing World
- The First-Year Seminar: Research, Write, Speak
- Scholar Citizen: Create. Connect. Contribute
- Student Technology Enrichment Program at Upstate (STEP-UP)

Resources

2. List of Prior QEPs Submitted to SACSCOC: http://www.sacscoc.org/QEPSummaries.asp