

Update from the SACSCOC QEP team
Business Managers' Meeting – March 12, 2013

Background:

The QEP is a “forward-looking” three- to five-year plan of action to improve student knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, or behaviors or the environment to support these in our students.

SACSCOC requires the development and implementation of a QEP in the following two principles of accreditation:

- (1) Core Requirement 2.12. The institution has developed an acceptable QEP that includes an institutional process for identifying key issues emerging from institutional assessment and focuses on learning outcomes and/or the environment supporting student learning and accomplishing the mission of the institution; and
- (2) Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2. The institution has developed a QEP that: demonstrates institutional capability for the initiation, implementation, and completion of the QEP; includes broad-based involvement of institutional constituencies in the development and proposed implementation of the QEP; and identifies goals and a plan to assess their achievement.

Progress toward Selecting the QEP Topic—QEP Team:

- Multiple rounds of solicitation for QEP topics
- Twenty-two initial proposals were put forward; after review eight were found inappropriate for a QEP by the QEP Team
- The remaining proposals were grouped into three overarching themes:
 - Student Engagement
 - Support in the Freshman Year
 - Undergraduate Research
- From these, the topics were narrowed to two: Student Engagement and Undergraduate Research
- It is expected that the recommendation of one of these projects will go forward to the Steering Committee and then to the Provost within the next week and a half.

Looking forward:

- Prepare the formal QEP document: background, literature review with best practices, student learning outcomes, and assessment plans
- Submission of QEP document—December 15.
- March 11-13, 2014: Dates of the on-site SACSCOC reaffirmation committee visit to LSU.
- December 9, 2014: Announcement date for reaffirmation of accreditation for LSU.
- QEP final report—5 years later!