

Quality Enhancement Plan II

QEP II

Why? & What?

Fundamental Criteria

Process & Timeline Summary

Input: from themes/ideas to brief proposals

Website Information

QEP Topic Discussion (Disqus Entry)

Why? & What?

- Required for reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC)
- Describes a carefully designed and focused course of action to address a well-defined topic or issue(s) that contributes to institutional improvement related to enhancing student learning (*SACS-COC*)

Fundamental Criteria

- Inclusive Process
 - Themes/ideas from all faculty, staff, students and alumni
 - QEP Committees are representative
 - Final topic decision will involve a survey of the wider university community

Fundamental Criteria

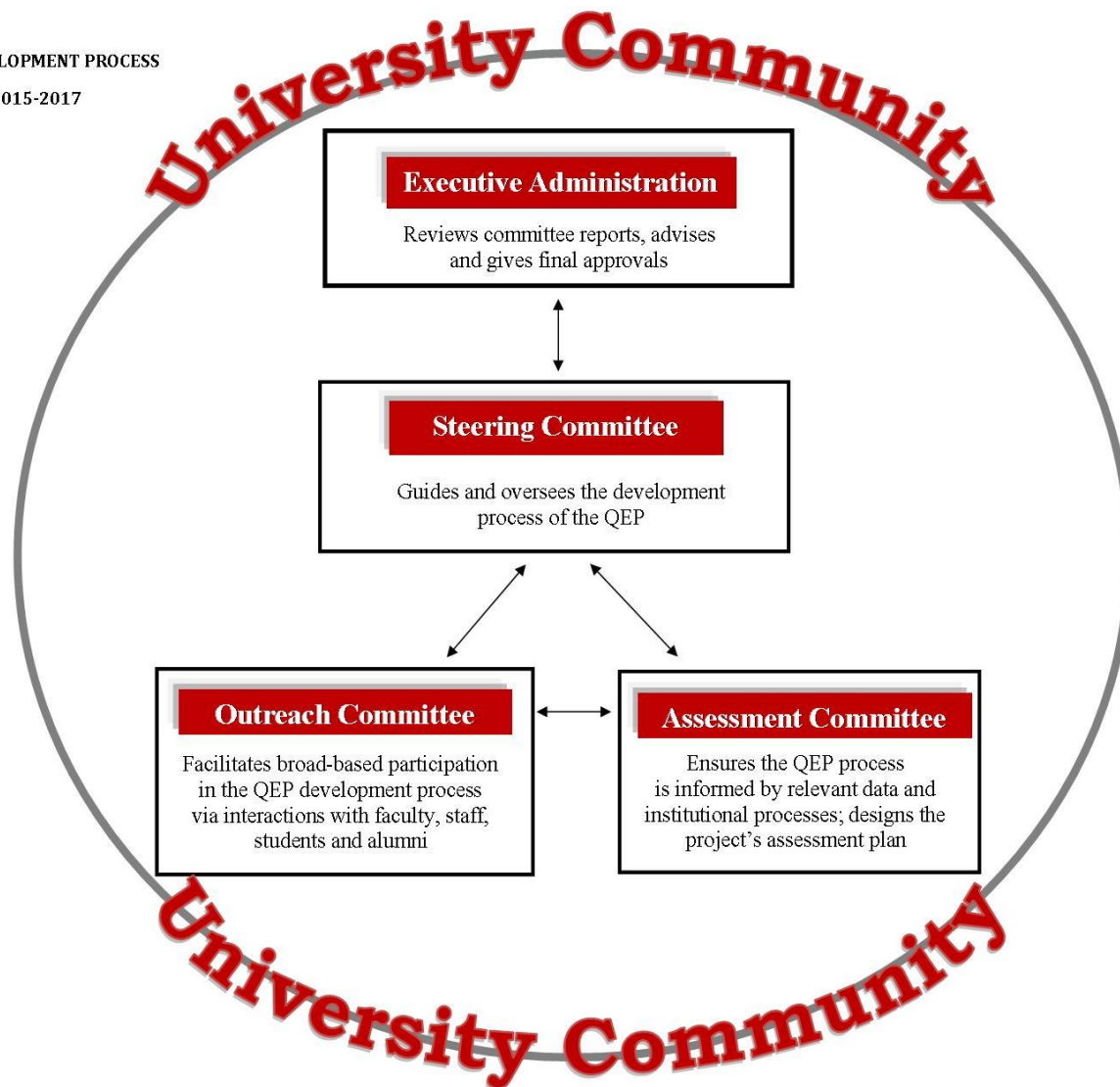
- Topic/Ideas Proposal:
 - Institutional Fit (strategic plan; learning needs)
 - Impact Students (value to & impact most)
 - Learning Outcomes (defined and measureable)
 - Innovation (forward-thinking/looking)
 - Viability and Sustainability (5 yrs to permanent)



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QEP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

2015-2017





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Fall 2015 Timeline

- By October:
 - promote/gather/document contributions
 - facilitate networking among individuals with common interests (Outreach)
 - offer workshops on developing themes/ideas into brief proposals that address fundamental criteria (Assessment)
- By November:
 - teams submit brief proposals for consideration in survey
 - survey the wider university committee and analyze results
 - make recommendation to the Executive Administration (Steering)
- By December:
 - Recommend to President for approval (Provost)

Your QEP Topic/Ideas

- Brainstorming Ideas:
 - Examples from other institutions
 - High Impact Practices (HIPs)
 - AACU Survey of knowledge, skills, and abilities that prepare students for 21st century challenges
 - AACU Survey of Employers 2013 Data
 - Data surveys of student needs (NSSE)
 - Enhance existing programs

Your QEP Topic/Ideas

- Lamar University Strategic Plan:
 - Our Values:
 - Diversity; quality; innovation; service; research and creative activity; community, accessibility; student-focused; integrity; data-supported decision making
 - Our Goals:
 - 1) Enhance access to Lamar University's educational programs and student services;
 - 2) Leverage our core strengths while elevating the overall quality of our education and scholarship;

Your QEP Topic/Ideas

- How to Contribute Input:
 - QEP Website, Topic Discussion portal in Disqus
 - Add a summary for a new idea
 - Endorse what you like from others
 - Constructively comment and add ideas to others
 - Collaborate to develop a brief proposal
 - Contact your QEP Outreach representative
 - Attend workshops to develop your topic/ideas

<http://www.lamar.edu/qep/>

- SACS-COC Reaffirmation Process
- QEP committees: Structure and Members
- Topic/Idea Brainstorming Resources Topic Discussion portal/page (Disqus)