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)
QEP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
2015-2017

Executive Administration
Reviews committee reports, advises and gives final approvals

Steering Committee
Guides and oversees the development process of the QEP

Outreach Committee
Facilitates broad-based participation in the QEP development process via interactions with faculty, staff, students and alumni

Assessment Committee
Ensures the QEP process is informed by relevant data and institutional processes, designs the project’s assessment plan

University Community
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)