

QEP Committee

Minutes

October 16, 2020

Opening

The meeting of the QEP Committee was called to order at 10:00 am, October 16, 2020 on WebEx by Chuck Griffin.

Present

Chuck Griffin

Lynda Civils

Kelli Johnson

Chrystal Gooding - Absent

Happy Gingras

Brook Cathey

Tony Galardo

Matt Amante

Guests: Dr. Rouse, Dr. Gould

Old Business

Chuck Griffin welcomed Dr. Rouse and Dr. Gould and provided a brief overview of the committee's work so far. The overview covered the initial meeting of the Co-Chairs with Dr. Miller and Dr. Gould, the committee selection process, and the minutes from our first two committee meetings.

New Business

Individual committee members introduced themselves to our guests.

Dr. Rouse thanked the committee for its service and gave a brief history of his experience with SACSCOC during his 38 years of experience in the community college system.

He highlighted the compliance certification, offsite review, focus report and the onsite review process.

Dr. Rouse highlighted the QEP and how important it was to tie into improving student success across the campus.

Dr. Gould spoke to the challenges faced on the last QEP 5th year report and the importance of sustainability when choosing a QEP topic.

He stated that the QEP needs to impact all students, be a campus-wide effort, be narrow and focused with concrete strategies and specific outcomes.

Dr. Gould let the committee know that the QEP does not have to be something new. It could be something we are already doing as long as it benefits all students.

He also mentioned the instructional landscape we are now dealing with due to Covid and that virtual classrooms, enhanced online instruction and leveraging technology are certainly possible topic areas to consider.

Dr. Gould stressed how impressed he was with our faculty's ability to quickly switch to virtual learning and that we have not seen the drop off in retention that some institutions have experienced.

Lynda thanked Dr. Gould and Dr. Rouse for their time and they left the meeting. Lynda led an open discussions on the things we learned today and potential QEP topics.

The committee discussed the challenge and possible strategies to prevent QEP topic suggestions from getting out of hand.

Happy gave a brief overview of the effectiveness of the COI and Quality Matters programs and the data she has to support that. She talked about certain cohorts who have struggled with the online environment.

Approximately 130 faculty both full and part-time have completed the COI and the data appears to support the effectiveness of the program.

Lynda and Chuck stated that the next meeting would take place after our first two presentations to the Faculty Senate and the SGA which are scheduled for 10-27 and 10-28 respectively.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am by Chuck Griffin. and Lynda Civils. The next committee meeting will be announced.

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Griffin