

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Meeting

April 12, 2018 -- 10:30 – 12:00

The April 12, 2018, QEP meeting was facilitated by Glynda Duncan, Tony Brooks, and Margaret Dixon.

Members present: Kaye Bennett, Tony Brooks, Dr. Rolonda Brown, Glynda Duncan, Margaret Dixon, Kimberly Hollins, Dr. Tony Newson, and Cynthia Roberson.

Ms. Duncan gave an overview and update on QEP work and noted that the QEP time line is right on time. Please email your current research to her and the research that that you will bring to next meeting next week. Look at student success best practices for community colleges and identified resources – research studies and currently approved QEPs.

Mrs. Dixon presented the two initiatives that Dr. Towner wants to integrate into the QEP plan -- student engagement as well as teacher efficacy. Teacher efficacy means that teachers would foster, promote, and influence students to achieve or reach their potential. After much discussion, we managed to narrow the topic to: ***Student Engagement with a focus on advising/coaching.*** Mrs. Dixon reminded us to look at: “How will we measure it?” and “What will be the outcomes?” It must be evidence-based. The QEP team will develop a four-year professional development calendar that involves the initiatives.

Ms. Duncan suggested an “advising/coaching time frame be set aside and observed every Tuesday/Thursday for all faculty (academics) and students in order to better advise and coach students in student engagement. Also, a first-time students course (much like orientation but with more meat) will be designed with practical applications to assist students in college life and student engagement. A pilot course will allow us gather data and evaluate success in order to create a permanent course and improve student engagement and success. Prior training for both faculty and students is necessary.

Dr. Tony Newson, who recently completed his doctoral on “Student Engagement”, inserted several important ideas and needs for us to consider.

NEXT MEETING: Homework due is to complete QEP research with these focused and narrowed topics online (especially SACSCOC.org for approved QEPs). Upcoming meeting is Thursday, April 26, from 1:30-3 p.m. in Whiteside Hall 205. This will be last opportunity to present research so please attend. Make sure you include the document information for citation with all your searches. Ms. Duncan needs your comments, cited documents, etc. by meeting date. Please email them to her at gduncan@coahomacc.edu.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Kimberly Hollins, Secretary