

QEP Minutes
February 13, 2006

Present:

Michelle Adkerson
Jim Formosa
Faye Jones
Linda Lyle
Robert Overall
Janusz Polanowski
Vicki Thomas
Ellen Weed
Donna Whitehouse

1. The document "Critical Thinking: Five Fundamental Characteristics" was approved with minor changes. It will be placed on the QEP website.
2. The preliminary report from the Best Practices was discussed with several changes recommended. Jim will take the recommendations back to his committee for comment.
3. The committee discussed the Critical Thinking Activities form meant to keep up with the activities and how they relate to other initiatives.
4. Donna Whitehouse, per a faculty request, brought cost information on the faculty CCSSE. It was agreed that taking this Faculty Engagement Survey probably was not beneficial at this time. Alternate suggestions included
 - An in-service discussing the CCSSE results.
 - Looking for alternate instruments for faculty use.
5. Michelle Adkerson reported that the Implementation Committee had its first meeting earlier that day. She reported the committee was enthusiastic and eager to get started. Several issues about the Implementation Committee were then discussed:
 - Should the committee recruit more members from different areas?
 - Which general education courses would reach the most students?
 - The committee should work closely with majors to insure that the critical thinking skills transfer and are relevant.
 - Donna Whitehouse asked to sit in since the Assessment Committee will need to work closely with Implementation.

6. Besides the CCTST, it was mentioned that it is important that departmental exit exams have critical thinking items.
7. Student input was again discussed:
 - How do we best use student energy?
 - i. Perhaps use PTK, BSO, and International Students Organization.
 - Prepare a short survey for students to take after the CCTST to see how they perceive their training in Critical Thinking.
8. Ken Morlino will be taking leave next year. Therefore, we will need a new Campus Education chair. Faye will contact members suggested from the committee.

Next Meeting: March 13, 3:30, K112A