

Minutes  
QEP Committee  
August 17, 2005

Present:

Ellen Weed  
Michelle Adkerson  
Ken Morlino  
Faye Jones  
Janusz Polanowski  
Jim Formosa  
Robert Overall  
Linda Lyle

Absent:

Marian McNeil  
Donna Whitehouse

1. New Members were welcomed:
  - a. Ken Morlino is heading up campus education now that Brian Ray has left.
  - b. Robert Overall is representing faculty senate on the committee.
2. Faye Jones asked that members, as soon as they know their schedules, send her times for meetings as soon as possible. The committee will need to meet on a regular basis this year.
3. Columbia State is hosting an in-service on critical thinking. The date has not been set; however, professional development money has been set aside to fund faculty who want to attend.
4. Faye Jones brought up the idea of the Master Teacher Academy and asked if the QEP committee would like to sponsor it. After some discussion, the item was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Ellen Weed discussed two new assessment instruments that will give our campus good information on critical thinking:
  - a. IDEA (Individual Development and Educational Assessment). This is a student evaluation of faculty. The campus will be doing a pilot this semester. This will give us an idea of how students perceive how well faculty achieve course objectives, including those involving critical thinking.
  - b. Community College Survey of Student Engagement. This instrument also surveys several critical thinking skills such as the following:
    - i. Analyzing basic elements of an idea.
    - ii. Synthesizing and organizing ideas.
    - iii. Making judgments about the value or soundness of an idea.
    - iv. Applying theories or concepts to new situations.

- c. The campus will be conducting a series on in-services on both of these assessments.
- 6. Committee updates:
  - a. Assessment:
    - i. Donna Whitehouse will talk with the Testing Center and the deans to schedule faculty to take the California Critical Thinking Skills Test.
    - ii. Donna Whitehouse will email Valerie to set up sections of ENGL 1010 to take the CCTDI, the Critical Thinking Disposition Inventory.
  - b. Best Practices:
    - i. Jim Formosa and Janusz Polanowski handed out several articles and a summary sheet of key critical thinking skills. The group will read the material and be ready to discuss next time.
    - ii. It was suggested that the QEP include a longer semester-type in-service on critical thinking, perhaps modeled on the present leadership course.
  - c. Campus Education:
    - i. One of our goals for this semester will be to discover ways to inform the campus of the QEP.
  - d. Student and Faculty Support and Implementation Committees are in the process of getting members.