

**Social Sciences Division: QEP Discussion**  
September 16, 2005, Social Science Conference Room

Present: Debbie Wright, Lisa Lee, April Grace, Tim Nygaard, David Murphy, Steven Pitz, Nevin Bard, Natalie Cooper, Gordon Campbell, Cherry Berges

Absent: Kim Simons, Mary Janssen, Felecia Johnson, Chet Cunningham

Jeff Florea & Beth Moore (QEP Committee members) described the mission and the process of the QEP committee in the SACS process of re-accreditation. The focus statement of the work of the QEP was read. The division of subcommittee duties relating to assessment and appropriate teaching practices were described.

1. There was general agreement on the topic of critical thinking as an appropriate topic for the QEP.
2. Clarissa Caskey asked about the makeup of the QEP committee, specifically asking about technical faculty on the committee.

It was explained that, early on, in order to keep the number of committee members at a manageable number and to facilitate meeting times for MOST of the members, technical faculty were not added to the committee makeup. Division Chairs of technical divisions (Linda Thomas, Tonia Gibson & Eddie Marks) were consulted during this initial start-up process and agreed with the decision. Technical faculty members will be added to the committee as the work progresses.

3. Natalie Cooper inquired about when and how the students would take an initial assessment of critical thinking.

It was explained that, because it is still early in the planning process, these points are being noted. However, decisions on when and how the assessment could be given are still being researched. The entire project is still a “work in progress.”

Prepared by: Beth Moore