

Quality Enhancement Plan Topic Selection Committee

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Minutes

On April 6, 2016, the QEP Topic Selection Committee began its meeting at 12:30pm.

Present: Jessica C. Murphy, Lisa Bell, Euel Elliott, Rebecca Files, John Johnson, Melinda Mendoza-Ellis, Katherine Morales, Ryan Dorman, Walter Voit, Kimberly Laird

Absent: Rajadhar Reddy

1. Prior to the meeting, committee members were given a 98-page packet of data that includes: GEMS Impact Report from 2014 Fifth-year Interim Report, Student Success Center Data 2008-2015, NSSE Data Summaries 2014-2015, CLA+ summaries Fall 2014 and Fall 2015, open submissions grouped by theme, notes from our prior meeting, and a draft of the form for more detailed submissions. Committee members were asked to come with their top topics in mind after talking to their constituencies.

We opened with a discussion of everyone's top topics. During this time, committee members shared their ideas about possible titles for the topics as well as detailed about possible content.

2. Committee members nominated ideas that were derived from the data presented in the 98-page packet. Each idea with a second was recorded on the white board. Open discussion of each of fourteen ideas followed. Committee members then each voted for three and the ideas with the fewest votes were eliminated. The list of the ten ideas with votes stayed on the board. More discussion followed. Then each committee member was given one vote. From this voting process, we concluded with the top five ideas: **First-Year Experience** (Proposals under this topic may include programs to improve retention and success during and after students' first year at UT Dallas.), **Communication Counts** (Proposals under this topic should address ways to improve students' interpersonal skills and written and oral communication.), **Wellness** (Proposals under this topic may include programs to support the health of students' minds, bodies, and social contributions with the goal of improving academic performance and overall lifelong health.), **Curricular Globalization** (Proposals for this topic should consider ways to enhance cross-cultural exchange and learning opportunities.), and **Digital Learning: Innovation**

and Integration (Proposals for this topic may include ideas for improving student learning through digital learning programs and initiatives.).

3. Committee Members suggested changes to the draft form. Jessica C. Murphy will be responsible for making those changes and sending around for feedback before sending along to the Provost's Technology Group. Jessica C. Murphy will also be responsible for requesting updates to the qep.utdallas.edu webpage for this next phase of our topic selection process.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.