

Scholar's Plan Subcommittee Meeting

November 12, 2014 – 11:00pm

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Attendance

Members: Paula Calahan, Mary Farone, Jamie Morgan, Terri Tharp

Guests: Michelle Boyer-Pennington, Lara Daniel, Dianna Rust, Jason Vance

Handouts

Agenda, Time Line

Items Discussed

- The meeting began with introductions.
- Jamie Morgan agreed to serve as the Vice-Chair of the group. Thank you, Jamie!
- Lara Daniel drew a visual map on the board to show where we fit in the QEP committee assignments. We are a subcommittee of the Action Plan Committee.
- Dianna Rust reviewed the subcommittee charge. Under the SACS Quality Enhancement Plan Guidelines, we are to address CS 3.3.2, specifically focusing on 3.B (capability to implement and complete the plan, 4.A (broad-based involvement of institutional constituencies in the development of the plan, and 4.B (broad-based involvement of institutional constituencies in the proposed implementation of the plan. This involves initiating, implementing, and completing the Scholar's Plan.
- Lara Daniel reviewed the time line. Recruitment will begin in summer 2015 for the pilot in fall 2015. This means everything must be in place by spring 2015; priority registration for fall is in April. The full implementation of the Plan will be fall 2016.
- Jason Vance shared information from the QEP Research Committee who has been reviewing the literature and pulling information from what MTSU is already doing. A survey has been sent out to the department chairs to assess attitudes about ePortfolios, and this information will be shared with us. The committee has completed operational definitions of academic engagement, integrative learning, and critical reflection (see attached Research Committee document) which provides a foundation for our subcommittee work.
- Michelle Boyer-Pennington shared the QEP Student Learning Outcomes (Integrative/Reflective Thinking, Personal and Professional Development, and Effective Communication). She also reviewed some possibilities for program goals – 1) form a culture of engaged learning and integrative thinking, 2) enhance student learning, personal development, and professional development, and 3) improve graduation rates. See the attached SLO Committee document for detailed information.
- A name needs to be determined for the plan. The new logo was discussed, and everyone agreed we need to tie in MT Engage. An e-mail discussion will begin next week to finalize a name for the plan.
- Our next meeting will be held in early spring which will be a brainstorming session to look at all needed components of the plan. Dianna encouraged us to dream big!
- Questions to consider for the next meeting were reviewed (see attached agenda).

Assignments

- Review all provided materials.
- Research successful Scholar's Plans at other universities.
- Send ideas and suggestions to Terri on ideas for the plan.
- Participate in the e-mail discussion to determine a name for the plan. This needs to be completed by December 1.

Next Scheduled Meeting: TBA