Seeking proposals for Trinity's next quality enhancement plan (QEP)

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Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to announce that the Trinity community has begun preparing for the 2017-18 Reaffirmation of Accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The first step in this multi-year process is to select the topic for Trinity’s next Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a forward-looking initiative undertaken to enhance student learning.

Our previous Quality Enhancement Plan – Expanding Horizons – aimed at deepening our students’ information literacy. Expanding Horizons provided significant professional development opportunities for faculty members, including course grants and workshops. Faculty members revised existing courses, created new ones, and recast their teaching. Students strengthened their ability to use and assess the unprecedented kinds of information available to them.

Our next QEP has the advantage of starting from the Trinity Tomorrow strategic plan. Possibilities include individual components of the plan (e.g., one of the new centers), topics that cross across several areas of the plan (e.g., advising), and extensions of some of the plan’s key emphases (e.g., learning outside the classroom).

I have recently appointed a committee to engage the campus community in the design and development of QEP proposals. Ben Surpless, Associate Professor of Geosciences, has agreed to chair the QEP Topic Selection Committee. Please join me in thanking Ben and the following members of the Trinity community who have agreed to serve on the committee: Rosana Blanco-Cano, Modern Languages and Literatures; Aspen Gonzalez, Admissions; Dirk Elmendorf, Alumnus; Austen Hall, Student; Benjamin Harris, Library; Lisa Jasinski, Academic Affairs; Kassie Kelly, Student; Julie Persellin, Accounting; Diane Saphire, Institutional Research; Amy Stone, Sociology & Anthropology; Jamie Thompson, Student Involvement; and Larissa Walker, Institutional Research.

The committee will soon publicize upcoming events so that colleagues can use the summer to get started developing initial proposals. The committee will bring recommendations to President Anderson and the Executive Staff in January 2016 so that a single proposal can be selected.

I invite you to learn more about the proposal submission process and upcoming deadlines on the QEP website (https://sites.google.com/a/trinity.edu/tuqep/).

Thank you in advance for your participation in our QEP planning.

Sincerely,

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