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Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2003 9:17 AM
To: DL-Campus A to Z
Subject: Preparing for our next SACS visit
Colleagues,

This is Larry Anderson in English, and I need your input on an issue that is essential to our SACS accreditation. Please read this message thoughtfully and watch for a follow-up later in the week

SACS has made major revisions to their process of accreditation, revisions that will make our work less cumbersome and more meaningful. One central expectation is that our campus will initiate a plan for enhancing some aspect of student learning (referred to as our "Quality Enhancement Plan" or QEP). This plan will be evaluated in terms of its appropriateness and practicality. Further, we are obliged to demonstrate that our QEP has been formed with widespread campus participation.

I am chairing the committee charged with developing our QEP (below are the names of the other committee members), and we intend to complete our work this academic year. I believe we already have a good start, thanks to the work that's been done over the past couple of years by the University Planning Committee's Task Forces and SWOT analysis, the Marketing and Student Recruitment Team, and the Student Retention Team. One result of all this effort is that we have identified areas of student learning that many feel need improvement. The QEP committee has reviewed this material and has chosen three areas of student learning that would each make an exciting and meaningful focus of a QEP.

Later this week in an email I will describe these three possibilities, and ask you to rank them. Please give this matter some thought; if you would like to discuss any issues related to enhancing student learning, please contact anyone on the committee.

If you would be interested in reading more about SACS' expectations regarding the QEP, let me know and I can email you a brief summary.

Thanks.

QEP Committee: Larry Anderson, Mike Ferrell, Fred Krieg, Brian Hirsch, Gloria Raines, Robin Huskey, Brad Craft, Merrell Knighten, Paul Sisson, John Austin, Pat Stanley, Julie Wood