

QEP Steering Committee Meeting

August 24, 2016, 2:00 pm

Stern Center 409

Attendees:

Jeri Cabot- Dean of Students

Burton Callicott- Addlestone Library

Emma Cregg- Graduate Student Representative

Dan Dickison- Marketing and Communications (standing in for Mark Berry)

JoAnn Ewalt- School of Humanities and Social Sciences

David Hansen- School of Business (co-chair)

Todd LeVasseur- QEP Director

Robert Mignone- School of Sciences and Mathematics

Karin Roof- Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning (co-chair)

- Institute for Sustainability Literature (ISL)
 - Todd LeVasseur gave the deadline of September 25, 2016 to finalize the name.
 - Discussion took place regarding concern with the name, specifically the acronym “ISL”
 - The committee voted to change the name to “Sustainability Literacy Institute (SLI)”
 - Joann Ewalt suggested the Institute’s vision statement should be elaborated upon.
 - Dan Dickinson suggested the addition of “...positive social, environmental, and economic change from a...” so that the vision would read:
SLI envisions positive social, environmental, and economic change from a sustainability literate College of Charleston community
 - Discussion took place as to whether a \$500 stipend is sufficient compensation for the 4 faculty fellows (in addition to the course release). Todd LeVasseur agreed to request for \$2,000 for each of the 4 fellows.
- Office of Sustainability’s (OOS) role in the QEP
 - A lengthy discussion took place regarding the threat that the OOS could have on the QEP as a non-cooperating, parallel institution. The committee is in agreeance that this concern needs to be addressed immediately.
 - It was agreed that in roughly two weeks (due to pending reaccreditation deadlines), a meeting between Divya Bhati, President McConnell, Steve Osbourne, and Provost McGee would be held to clarify roles. Todd LeVasseur defined the three options as:
 - i. In regards to sustainability, SLI takes on the academic role and OOS hold a facility-focused role
 - ii. A partnership between OOS and SLI and is formed under memorandum

- iii. OOS is absorbed in SLI
 - After the meeting is held, Todd LeVasseur will draft a proposal that the steering committee co-chairs will review/approve.
- Living Learning Committee (LLC)
 - JoAnn Ewalt represents the assessment sub-committee with the suggestion that the LLC idea is dropped due to the small scope of a program that is likely to appeal to students who are already involved.
 - The committee voted to remove the LLC component of SLI
- Fifth QEP Goal
 - JoAnn Ewalt represents the assessment sub-committee with the suggestion of a penultimate goal that aligns with and builds upon Goals 1-4. This is a longitudinal goal that will have programmatic outcomes.
 - The committee members received a handout with the exact wording of the fifth goal
 - The committee members voted to approve Goal 5; the assessment committee will work on finalizing SLOs for the newly approved goal.
- Sustainability Scholars Program
 - After much discussion to clarify the goals and purpose of the program, the committee members voted to drop the scholar certificate completion requirements from 18 hours to 12 hours. However, the GPA requirement will remain 3.0
 - The idea of eventually turning this program into a certified academic certificate was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm