Minutes of QEP Subcommittee for Literature Review & Best Practices

7 October 2011

Attending: Allison Belzer Doug Frazier, Greg Anderson, Caroline Hopkinson, Mark Finlay
Absent: Beth Howells, Corine Ackerson-Jones

The group elected Allison Belzer and Greg Anderson to be co-chairs.

The group made plans to organize its first meeting with John Kraft and Nancy Remler, tentatively scheduled for 12 October at noon.

Doug Frazier reported on the work already completed on the original proposal for a QEP in information literacy. His report, which is available under the “resources” section of our VISTA account, includes a large bibliography and a good introduction to the existing literature on the topic. That site also includes a similar and useful QEP from the University of Central Florida. He also promised to post a recently approved QEP from Cumberland University called SLAM—which focuses on Scholarship Learning and Academic Mentoring. For more info, see http://www.cumberland.edu/SLAM/

Greg Anderson promised to promote some of the literature on the issue of First Year Seminars, including the 2008 report by consultant Dan Friedman. Note too that the VISTA site includes the original proposal for a QEP on First Year Seminars, co-authored by Mary Anne Brock and Jane Rago

Greg Anderson also reported on some success in this year’s pilot programs with First Year Seminars, particularly those taught by Suzy Carpenter and Grace Fleming/Greg Anderson. Tracking the success of these students over future semesters might be instructive.

Allison Belzer helped the group focus on the task becoming familiar with best practices in this field in a relatively short time period, so that we can help inform the other subcommittees with their work.

The group agreed to become acquainted with the various documents already posted on VISTA as preparation for the next meeting.

John Kraft suggested that our first goal will be to collect information about best practices in an outline form, so that Nancy Remler can begin to write a more formal report.