

Good morning!

Thank you all for your work on the Quality Initiative (QI) proposals in the previous months. This project has significant meaning for our accreditation through HLC and will be a driving force for the University in enhancing Teaching Excellence on our campus.

I am very excited to share with you a draft of a potential proposal we will be providing to faculty regarding our Quality Initiative project. There will be several University discussion groups reviewing this proposal in the upcoming weeks but I wanted to share the document with you first.

In short, three final proposals emerged from your reviews and the attached proposal attempts to create a Teaching Center specifically to address concepts of diversity, high impact practices, assessment and technology. By imbedding these elements within a teaching center, I believe we increase their relevance, provide a path for the issues to become part of our ongoing educational "fabric" and reflect our student-centered teaching mission. I have spoken with the three lead authors of the final proposals and they are supportive of this concept.

1. I will be mentioning this report and the efforts made to get us to this point in our progress at the General Faculty meeting this coming Thursday, August 29, 2013.
2. There will be round table discussions held in September and November 2013 for faculty and administrators to continue offering feedback and input.
3. Information gained through the round table discussions will be incorporated into the final report and the Center's goals (assuming HLC approval).

Please take a few minutes and review this document. We welcome your input should you have modifications or edits.

Thank you again for your part in helping the University create such an exciting project! We truly could not have arrived at this point without your help.

Best wishes for the semester.

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