QEP Questionnaire to Townhall USF Sarasota-Manatee Faculty & Staff

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On 10/22 & 23/2014 Dr. Jim Curran, Dr. Tricia Hunsader, Dr. Bonnie Jones, and Laura Hoffman presented to faculty and staff of USF Sarasota-Manatee the need for a QEP plan to comply with the SACSCOC requirement to develop a five-year Quality Enhancement Plan as part of USF Sarasota-Manatee’s Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

**Question 1:**
Think back to a student you knew who had great potential but struggled to learn the material. What academic difficulties kept this student from being successful?

**Question 2:**
If USF Sarasota-Manatee had all the funding in the world and faculty had all the time in the world, what would you suggest to help this student be more successful?

**Question 3:**
USF Sarasota-Manatee Core Learning Outcomes: "Pillars of Intellectual Engagement": Please write a "1" and a "2" to the left of the Pillars that you think are the most important for USF Sarasota-Manatee to develop in our students.

**Q1 Synopsis:** Recurring themes in townhall employee response include:
- Lack of knowledge about how to utilize college library resources
- Lack of written communication skills
- Lack of ability to do research, weak skill set, personal issues

**Q2 Synopsis:** Recurring themes in townhall employee response include:
- Need mandatory writing course to improve writing skills in students.
- Need a library orientation (tutorial) that is mandatory for students.
- Need tutors and tech support for students. More class times, better support.

**Q3:** Tally from townhall employee response include:
- Of the six Pillars Of Intellectual Engagement, clearly, Communication and Critical Thinking are considered the most important by USF-SM faculty and staff.

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- Communication: 38%
- Critical Thinking: 35%
- Diversity: 9%
- Leadership: 6%
- Community Engagement: 6%
- Ethics: 6%

Think back to a student who had great potential but struggled to learn the material. What academic difficulties kept this student from being successful?

- Lack of ability to do research, weak skill set, personal issues: 62%
- Lack of written communication skills: 29%
- Lack of knowledge about how to utilize college library resources: 9%

If USF Sarasota-Manatee had all the funding in the world and faculty had all the time in the world, what would you suggest to help this student be more successful?

- Need tutors and tech support for students. More class times, better support: 67%
- Need a library orientation (tutorial) that is mandatory for students: 20%
- Need mandatory writing course to improve writing skills in students: 13%