Dear Bonnie, Brie, Jane, Trish, Richie, Jim, Cihan, Mary Beth, and Amanda (with 1-2 SGA reps to be added later),

We need to create a QEP* selection committee and I write to ask each of you to consider serving on this very important campus-wide committee.

Bonnie has agreed to facilitate the collection of replies, so please let Bonnie know if you are a “yes” for the committee and we can schedule a first meeting.

Jim, as incoming FS president, would you be willing to coordinate a chair from among the faculty who agree to serve out of the list above? It needs to be chaired by a faculty member.

Question or concerns are, as always, welcome.

With regards,

Terry

*The concept of quality enhancement is at the heart of the Commission's philosophy of accreditation. Each institution seeking reaffirmation of Accreditation is required to develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Engaging the wider academic community and addressing one or more issues that contribute to institutional improvement, the plan should be focused, succinct, and limited in length. The QEP describes a carefully designed and focused course of action that addresses a well-defined topic or issue(s) related to enhancing student learning.

At the culmination of the QEP, the Commission on Colleges sends an on-site committee of professional peers to the campus to assess the educational strengths and weaknesses of the institution. The written report of the committee helps the institution improve its programs, refine its QEP, and also provides the basis on which the Commission decides to grant, continue, reaffirm, or withdraw accreditation.

During a typical three-day visit, committee members examine data and conduct interviews in order to evaluate the soundness of the QEP and ascertain whether the institution is in compliance with the Principles. The committee offers written advice to the institution, develops a consensus on its findings, and completes a draft report. Finally, the committee presents an oral summary in an exit report to the chief executive officer and invited institutional officials on the last day of the visit.

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