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Review of Proposed QEP Topics

As you know, the University Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Team is overseeing the process of developing a creative, forward-thinking plan for improving student learning, as required for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The focus topic of the QEP will be selected by the SACS Leadership Team based upon recommendations forwarded by the QEP Team. For the last month, members of the university community have proposed possible QEP topics on a wide variety of student learning themes. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to review those topics and provide written responses to help guide the QEP Team's deliberations.

To facilitate your review, the QEP Team has sorted the 24 topics submitted by the deadline of November 15 into seven categories (please note that some proposed topics appear under more than one heading):

1. Civic Responsibility and Leadership
2. Comprehensive Proposals (The Whole Person)
3. Critical Thinking
4. Curriculum: Common Curriculum, Freshman Year Experience, and Majors
5. Globalization, Multiculturalism, and Diversity
6. Jesuit Identity / Faith and Justice
7. Learning Styles and Skills (collaborative, experiential, information literacy, technology and communication skills)

You can access the proposed topics on the QEP web site <<http://www.loyno.edu/sacs/qep/>>, which is also accessible as a Quick Link from the Loyola home page. The web page on proposed topics <<http://www.loyno.edu/sacs/qep/qepthemes.html>> offers the options of downloading all proposals in a category, submitting comments on proposals, or reading the comments already submitted. The QEP Team invites you to review the many excellent topics that have been proposed and to respond with your reactions and suggestions.

To encourage campus comment, the QEP Team will host a Soup-and-Substance discussion on Thursday, December 2, from 12:30-1:45 in the Audubon Room.

This gathering will offer another opportunity to respond to the proposed topics and to involve yourself in a project that will have a significant impact on the life of the university.

Please direct any questions you may have to John Biguenet (biguenet@loyno.edu / EXT. 2474) or to any other member of the University QEP Team. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

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