

Curriculum Committee Meeting
April 1, 2009 10:00 a.m.
A.G. Gaston Career Center

The following were in attendance: Janice Orange, Sandra Henderson, Chantae Calhoun, Craig Lawrence, Darren Allen, Regina Doriety, Elijah Anthony, Renay Herndon, Harold Higginbotham, Kristie Rankin, Lori Chisem, Myrtes Green, and Sherri Davis.

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rankin, co-chair. Her opening statement stressed that for the QEP to be successful it will have to complete involvement - buy in -from everyone at the institution. She read the responsibilities of the Curriculum Committee and stated this is going to be a lot work but it's exciting because this is a needed change for the college. In addition, Dr. Rankin stated that commitment is needed by everyone on the committee if any individual doesn't feel that he/she can't be dedicated to the work at hand it is o.k. to remove yourself from the committee.

Ms Calhoun, co-chair, followed Dr. Rankin's opening statement with outlining what tasks the curriculum committee are responsible for which include a literature review(10-15 pages), student learning outcomes (SLOs) for the freshman academy, and curriculum. She suggested dividing responsibilities between everyone on the committee. The literature review is due April 17 and the complete QEP is due June 1. She also gave the outline for implementation of the QEP. Faculty/staff training/professional development will be fall 2009 and the first class of the Freshman Academy will be spring 2010.

Several questions were raised about the curriculum, if the course would be a mini term or full term, and who will be teaching the Freshman Academy. Dr. Davis and Green stated that the curriculum can only be developed after the SLOs are developed. It was suggested that the curriculum be engaging for both faculty and student. Dr. Green and Ms Henderson shared some ideas that they observed at Southern University –Baton Rouge freshman orientation/experience. In addition, Ms. Doriety suggested adding a career tech faculty to the committee. After contacting Dr. Murray, he recommended Pier Wilkerson and Keith Littleton.

Dr. Davis stated that spring 2009 CCSSEE results will be the institution's baseline data for the QEP. She further stated that the QEP focuses on engaging, equipping, and empowering students and faculty/staff. She referred to the E³4 Life logo that it being used. This should guide the development of the SLOs and curriculum. So, the question she asked to the committee is what product or type of student do we (LSCC) want at the end of this first year college experience? Several committee members stated that this process should produce independent and responsible individuals. Also, it should reflect a transition from high school to post-secondary.

Before, adjournment the Literature Review team which includes: Mr. Higginbotham, Dr. Rankin, Ms Henderson, and Mr. Lawrence will schedule a meeting to begin researching and writing the literature review. Dr. Green suggested including or researching course management because a uniform curriculum will be used. The SLOs team which includes: Ms Calhoun, Mrs. Orange, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Herndon, and Mrs. Chisem will be meeting April 10 at 10:00 in CTEL lab to develop the SLOs. Ms Calhoun asked that everyone review some other schools SLOs on first year

experience prior to the meeting. Mr. Allen asked Ms Calhoun to share articles on student engagement for review before the meeting as well. The full committee will meet again on April 15 at 10:30 in the Career Center. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.