

## QEP Professional Development Team Meeting

Friday, April 17, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Ethel Hall Building, Room 201, Bessemer Campus

### MINUTES

The QEP Professional Development Team met on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in room 201 of the Ethel Hall Building on the Bessemer campus. In attendance were Jeff Sweatmon, Cedric Burden, Vyavuka Masi Masi, Dr. Stephen Monti, Janice Orange, Sadie Harris, Larry Williams, Inez Boswell, Frances Stewart, Nancy Wilson, Darlene Martin, Renay Herndon, Emmorfia McKinstry, Dr. Kristie Rankin, Elijah Anthony, Dr. Sherri Davis, and Regina Doriety.

Jeff Sweatmon reported to the committee that the deadline to have a plan to the Primary team is the end of April. He encouraged everyone to have information regarding research from other colleges and contacts as soon as possible. He reminded the committee that the Faculty Academy training will begin in August 2009.

Mr. Sweatmon asked current PSY100 instructors to report on what is being taught in the current course and what training would be helpful to Freshman Academy instructors:

**Renay Herndon** suggested that instructors receive comprehensive training in academic advising in regard to first year students. She reported that she is a member of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) which promotes and supports quality academic advising in institutions of higher education to enhance the educational development of students. She suggests that we use the organization for training.

**Dr. Kristie Rankin** suggested that instructors be trained in learning styles, teaching styles, and student engagement.

**Elijah Anthony** suggested that instructors have certain characteristics including a love for teaching and learning, concern for the students, joy and excitement for the college and the course, commitment, high energy, creativity, be a team player and a student of lifelong learning.

**Janice Orange** suggested that better scheduling of the course would be helpful to the students. The course generally overlaps in the student's schedule requiring that the student be late or need to leave early.

The committee discussed these suggestions from the current instructors and feel the following topics should be the curriculum for the Faculty Academy: Academic Advising, Student Engagement, Technology, Learning Styles, Teaching Styles, and Motivational Techniques/Training. Mr. Sweatmon asked the committee to research these topics.

The Professional Development Team will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the CTCL Lab on the Birmingham campus. No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Regina Doriety  
Recorder