

UT MARTIN ASSESSMENT NEWSLETTER

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Our most important job is to help our students succeed!

UT Martin's Revised Quality Enhancement Plan Submitted to SACSCOC

We are pleased to report that our revised QEP has been submitted to SACSCOC. As you will recall, we were asked by the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee to narrow our QEP topic, revise our assessment plan to fit our narrowed topic, and re-establish buy-in from our constituencies. Our thanks to Brad Baumgardner who re-wrote the QEP report and to the reviewers who read the report and provided excellent comments and suggestions for improvement. We will get the final review from SACSCOC in December.

Here is a very brief overview of the revised QEP:

Accelerating Takeoff: The UT Martin Retention and Progression Plan focuses on improving student success by increasing overall retention, increasing retention in targeted subpopulations of students, and improving progression rates overall and for these same subpopulations. The plan focuses on revision of the first-year student experience and targets two fundamental goals used to address specific areas for development:

1. Preparing first-year students for success at the institution.
2. Preparing the institution for the needs of first-year students.

Within each of these large-scale goals, UT Martin has identified a set of objectives designed to maximize current best practices and explore opportunities for further development in demonstrated areas of need:

Fundamental Goal 1: Preparing first-year students for success at the institution.

Objective 1: Revise the General Studies 101 (GENS 101) Freshman Seminar course.

Objective 2: Invest in infrastructure and personnel for First-Year Programming.

Fundamental Goal 2: Preparing the institution for the needs of first-year students.

Objective 3: Create a Center for Teaching and Learning dedicated to professional development for faculty.

Objective 4: Enhance current academic support programs (tutoring, supplemental instruction, Math Lab, Writing Center).

Achievement of these fundamental goals and associated objectives will allow UT Martin to enhance the first-year experience of students, which will strengthen these students' foundations for success by increasing retention and progression rates for these students. As these students move through their academic careers, these stronger foundations will lead to improved student success at all levels.

If you have any questions about the revised QEP, please feel free to contact Brad Baumgardner, Anderson Starling, Jamie Mantooth, Patty Flowers, or Stephanie Kolitsch.

On Friday, June 30, the Board of Trustees approved tenure and promotion proposals for several members of our faculty. Congratulations to those newly tenured and/or promoted!