QEP Team Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009, 3:00 p.m.
Peabody Boardroom, Administration Building


Those absent:  Paige Carmichael, Paul Chambers, Cheryl Dozier, Jean Martin-Williams, Connor McCarthy, Fran Teague

Rodney called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

This meeting was called for the purpose of having an open discussion among the team about the design of the first-year seminars.

David Lee, chair of the Program Design working group, distributed a handout that listed the key elements of the proposed program for the first-year experience as well as recommendations from the Leadership Team.

Various points of discussion included:

Teaching load—“regular” class coverage question
Class size (20 vs. 15).  (Meg Amstutz stated that the Leadership Team had indicated that 15 was desirable, and 20 was the limit.)
Great book aspect
Credit (1 hour vs. 2) one hour each semester, two hours one semester.  Must have enough hours to cover desired content.  Faculty could provide one hour; peer the second hour.  Could possibly do over two semesters
Expand QEP beyond first-year seminar
Inclusion of common elements for all students
Desirable elements of Learning Communities
Inclusion of elements of global, service learning, and research proposals
Impact on honors seminars, freshman college, freshman seminars
Transfer students
Which student learning outcomes—academic? social?
Faculty buy-in
Automatic overload
Increasing faculty/student interaction
Advising—faculty clear students for registration
Difficulty of transition for students—provide tools
Rigor built in
Student engagement
Importance of learning communication skills
Student appreciation for UGA as Land-grant, research institution, place in state, nation, world
Importance of students giving back to UGA
Community building
Party culture
Faculty and student scheduling
Importance of two hours of credit for meaningful experience
Add first-year seminars to core
Need to get input from General Education committee
Use of teaching/topic modules
Supporting faculty with content development
Changing culture at UGA

The meeting adjourned shortly after 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Wheeler