

### Introduction to the 2017 Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Find Your Fit in the Second Year: Inquire, Explore, Discover

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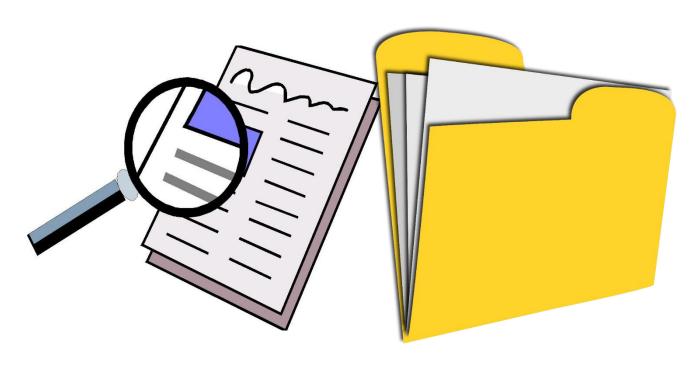
# What is a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)? Why does it matter?







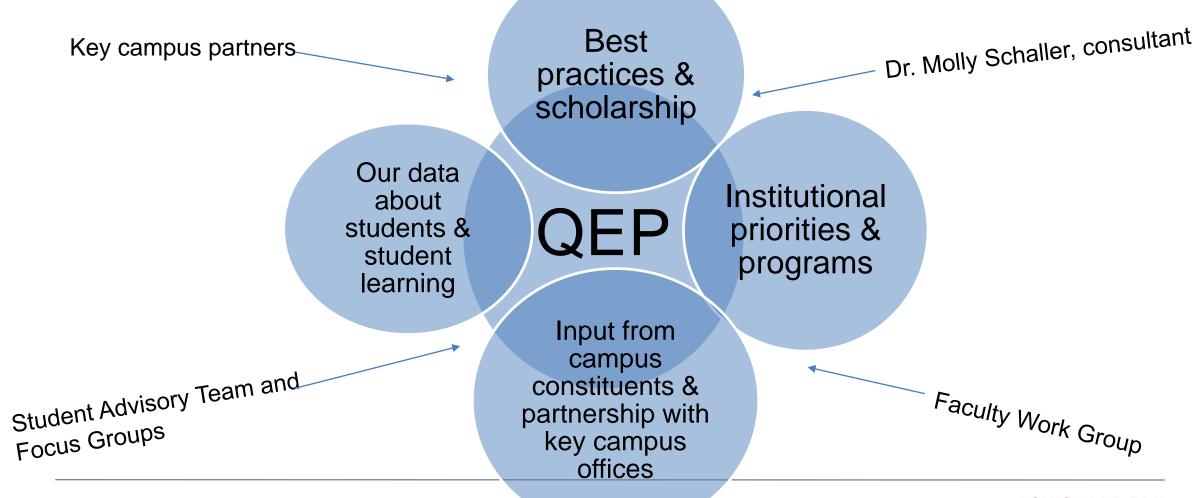
### Where did we begin?



Institutional data & student learning data



# Our QEP development process used by the QEP Development Committee





### LIFE WAS SO SIMPLE WHEN I WAS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT





# What can we do to support second-year Students?

- 1. Actively engage students in the second year & "normalize" the common challenges
- 2. Create opportunities for exploration
- 3. Support them finding ways to connect
- 4. Invite discovery







#### Our proposed QEP:

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#### Features include:



- 1. 3-credit hour course (elective hours)
- 2. Taught by faculty with a coordinated "integrative advising" component
- 3. Small seminar format
- 4. Independent, inquiry-guided intellectual activities focused around an academically-rich theme or topic
- 5. Recruitment of second year students who are undecided, pre-unit or are "in transition"



### QEP Faculty Work Group, Fall 2016

- Brian Barnes, Philosophy, A&S
- Justin Cooper, Special Education, CEHD
- Rob Detmering, Information Literacy Coordinator, University Libraries
- Paul Himes, Biology, A&S
- J.C. McNeil (Jaqi), Engineering Fundamentals, Speed School
- Dwain Pruitt, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Governance, A&S
- Kate Snyder, Counseling and Human Development, CEHD



### What's next?

- Outreach & feedback forums
- Faculty Work Group develops curriculum
- Student Focus Groups & Student Advisory Team
- Refinement/development of the QEP project & seminar
- QEP Proposal due to SACS: March 2017
- Preparing for SACS visit in April 2017
- First offering of QEP seminar, Spring 2018



### How you can support us

- Identify faculty & staff in your unit who will have interest/expertise to support the QEP.
- Help us spread the word about the QEP process & project to your unit and encourage participation in the all-campus QEP info sessions:

#### Belknap:

Friday, October 21, 2-3pm Ekstrom Library, room 104

Tuesday, November 15, 9-10am Ekstrom Library, room 104

#### **HSC:**

Monday, October 17, 12:15-1:15pm School of Medicine, B Instructional Building, room 102



### How to get engaged:

### Talk to us!

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