COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
Tuesday, October 21, 2014

SUBJECT: QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

No action is necessary. This item is only informational.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik, Director of the University’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), will give an annual update on the status of the QEP, known as “Distinction through Discovery,” and related undergraduate research and inquiry activities.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Supporting Documentation: PowerPoint Presentation

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Distinction through Discovery:
Expanding Undergraduate Research and Inquiry

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Board of Trustees Meeting
October 21st, 2014
FAU’s Distinction through Discovery Goals

1. Establish an Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (URI) Rich Curriculum
2. Expand Co-curricular URI Opportunities
3. Increase Support and Recognition for Faculty and Students Engaged in URI
4. Enrich and Strengthen URI Culture and Climate
Goal 1: Curriculum

1. Faculty Curriculum Grants Program
   - Seed funding to integrate research into undergraduate courses and programs.

2. Honors Initiatives

3. Freshman Learning Community Initiatives
Goal 1: Curriculum Grants Program

- **# Grants funded**
  - 2012-2013: 3
  - 2013-2014: 7
  - Total: 10

- **# Courses Impacted**
  - 2012-2013: 8
  - 2013-2014: 26
  - Total: 34

- **# Students Engaged**
  - 2012-2013: 115
  - 2013-2014: 803
  - Total: 918
Goal 2: Co-curricular

2012

- Undergraduate Research Grants
- Undergraduate Research Symposium

2014

- Undergraduate Research Grants
- Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- Students presenting and receiving awards at regional and national conferences
  - National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, Life Sciences South Florida Undergraduate Symposium,
- Soliciting external funds
Goal 2: Co-Curricular
Number of Students involved

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Goal 3: Support and Recognition FACULTY

2011-2012
- QEP focused Faculty Learning Communities

2013-2014
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- Free membership to Council of Undergraduate Research (National Organization)
- Annual Faculty Recognition Event
- Faculty Professional Development Committee
- Faculty Professional Development Workshops
- Faculty Travel Funds
Goal 3: Support and Recognition STUDENTS

2011-2012

- Council for Scholarship and Inquiry (Student Club)
- OURI website and brochures
- Classroom Presentations
- Peer Mentor Program
- Student Professional Development Workshops
- Presentation Boot-camp
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# Faculty and Student Professional Development Workshops

- Research Ethics
- Getting into Graduate school
- Meeting of the Minds faculty showcase
- Getting Started in Research
- Presentation Boot-Camp
- Conducting a literature review
- Introduction to the Curriculum Grants Program
- Mapping your curriculum
- Establishing a Course Plan Worksheet
- Peer review of your grant
Goal 4: Culture and Climate

**Infrastructure**
- Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry
- Five DTD Steering Committees (faculty, staff and students)
- DTD Executive Committee
- OURI Partner Programs

**Communication**
- OURI Website [www.fau.edu/ouri](http://www.fau.edu/ouri)
- OURI Brochures and Social Media
- Peer Mentors and Council for Scholarship and Inquiry students
- Weekly email announcements to OURI List serve
- Transfer Orientation, Passport to Student Success, Workshops
Scholarship within DTD

2011-2012

- **Attended** Conference on Undergraduate Research (regional)
- **Attended** SACSCOC Annual conference

2013-2014

- **Presented** at regional and national Undergraduate Research Conferences
- FAU’s QEP lauded as an **exemplar QEP by SACS**
- **Invited presentations** to SACSCOC Summer Institute (national)
- **Published** peer-reviewed manuscript in CUR Quarterly
- **Grant submitted** to National Science Foundation
- **Consulted** with Louisiana State University and College of Central Florida on their QEP development
- **Presenting** at upcoming SACSCOC Annual conference
New Programs and Initiatives

**Awards and Recognition**
- Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award
- Undergraduate Student Researcher of the Year Award

**Grants**
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)

**Sustainability and Institutionalization**
- College Faculty Liaison to *Distinction through Discovery*
- Establishing an Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

**Future:** Research Intensive Course designation and Directed Independent Research Courses
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