

Louisiana State University at Alexandria
Staff QEP Focus Group
June 20, 2013 2pm

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Procedures: Dr. Mary Treuting and Dr. Cathy Cormier contacted the group by email and invited them to attend the meeting. Links to the QEP survey data were included in the email, participants were instructed to review the QEP survey results prior to the scheduled focus group. Mary & Cathy developed focus group questions which were distributed to participants at the beginning of the meeting. The discussion was lead by the QEP Co-Chairs, Dr. Mary Treuting and Dr. Cathy Cormier. Notes were taken during the meeting to capture data provided by participants.

What is your first reaction to the QEP survey data?

- We need a first year college experience.
- Students need to know what it means to be a college student

What would this experience look like?

- Critical thinking skills
- I taught this some years ago online. The course had 10 chapters and included things like: budgeting (how to manage a budget), cultural diversity, study skills
- Students should understand their learning style, how to match up with the instructor
- Time management
- Motivation

Discussion

- One of the things I see is that we have ASN and BS students on campus and we are struggling to cater to both.

What are barriers that you see to student learning?

- Preparedness
- Disconnect between higher ed and career ed. Students want to get in and out, they want a job. We need to help student link gen ed to their future.
- Students need to be “engaged” “connected”
- They need to understand that college is to better self, “intrinsic motivation”

Discussion

- Orientation should focus on how to navigate LSUA and support systems like moodle
- There should be “A Ha” moments “ in a freshmen course