



Texas A&M University
Quality Enhancement Plan Executive Committee

December 2, 2004

To: Deans and Vice Presidents

Subject: Quality Enhancement Plan Proposal for 2005–2006 Due March 1, 2005

The purpose of this memo is to invite your faculty and administrators to participate in the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Texas A&M University is in the fourth year of implementing the QEP to assess student learning and development in four QEP themes: Research, Technology, Diversity, and Internationalization. To date, the University has funded over 40 QEP proposals which included academic programs from all ten colleges and several co-curricular programs. To demonstrate our commitment to strengthen student learning in both the undergraduate and graduate programs, the University will continue to support this important effort for the next several years.

Texas A&M is committed to improving excellence in undergraduate and graduate education and research through the Evidence-Based Decision Making Cycle/outcomes-based assessment. Therefore, a QEP is one of the means in which evidence-based decision making is achieved. A QEP can also be used in other evidence-based decision making cycles such as your program's professional accreditation, program review/institutional effectiveness, course assessment, Core Curriculum assessment, or research grant proposals.

The 2005-06 QEP RFPs is posted on <http://www.tamu.edu/qep/funding.html>. The web site includes several exemplary proposals and other outcomes assessment information. The due date for the RFPs is **March 1, 2005**. To assist faculty and professional staff in proposal development, the Center for Teaching Excellence together with Measurement and Research Services will conduct a QEP proposal development workshop on February 11, 2005. Prior to the workshop is the 5th Annual Texas A&M University Assessment Conference (<http://www.tamu.edu/ode/assessment/>) which will be held on February 8, 2005 and which features two nationally known professional experts in assessment and a panel discussion by QEP PIs. It will be very helpful to attend the Conference in preparation of the QEP proposal. Please visit the Conference web site for program details in January 2005.

We look forward to your active participation in QEP. Please direct your questions to Dr. Simone Tiu (simone-tiu@tamu.edu), Assistant Director, Measurement and Research Services.

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