

***Inquiry Group***  
***September 5, 2008, 1:30 PM, Room 109 E, Pavilion***  
***Minutes***

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS NOT PRESENT</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
Bednarz, Bob Bednarz, Sarah Carr, Becky Fackler, John Feigenbaum, Leslie (for Lou Tassinary) Gilreath, Charles Martin, David Matthews, Pam Osters, Sandi Webb, Robert (Chair) Phillips, Loraine Schielack, Janie Simpson, Nancy (for Marty Loudder) Prue Merton (for Debra Fowler)	Cifuentes, Luis Farnsworth, Charles Rowe, Gilbert Meyer, Paul Rogers, Kenita	Hoskins, Jessi Rosowsky, Michelle

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Dr. Robert Webb.
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<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Dr. Robert Webb convened the group.	
<b>Review and Approval of QEP Council Minutes from 5/8/08</b>	Dr. Robert Webb called for the approval the 5/8/08 minutes.	Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from 5/08/2008. The minutes were approved.
<b>Discuss deadline extension for 2007-2008 Report and Request for Funding</b>	<u>Discussion/Suggestions recap:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Report and Request for Funding was sent out over the summer with an original deadline of September 1, 2008. This has been extended to the end of September.</li> <li>• Dr. Loraine Phillips explained that the College of Agriculture has already submitted a report with request for funding.</li> <li>• The Council suggested that a separate meeting be held after the Sept. 30 deadline to discuss the various proposals.</li> </ul>	Colleges and Student Affairs should submit their 2007-2008 Report and Request for Funding.
<b>CAT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Janie Schielack reported on the Critical Thinking Assessment Test (CAT) that is being developed at Tennessee Tech University.</li> <li>• Dr. Loraine Phillips explained that as a part of the NSF grant this test is available to Texas A&amp;M with no initial fee, 100 free tests, and faculty incentives to grade if A&amp;M participates in the pilot program.</li> <li>• Dr. Schielack reported that the test costs \$5 per test and is therefore sustainable and has the benefit of flexible administration. The test would require 10-15 faculty members to grade for one full day.</li> </ul>	The group agreed to recommend TAMU participation in the pilot of CAT.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The group was asked to consider if the \$20,000 left in funds for this fiscal year should be put toward the CAT administration.</li><li>• The group was informed that Barry Stein will be presenting a workshop at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Assessment Conference where he will be discussing the CAT in greater detail.</li></ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>		The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM