

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Linda Johnston

RE: Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Your input into the QEP is vital. Once again the QEP committee has scheduled forums to provide the campus community with an opportunity for input into the QEP topic “critical thinking.” As of today we have updated the SACS website at www.utc.edu/sacs on a weekly basis (sometimes more), scheduled input forums for faculty, staff and students and communicated via electronic means to the campus community. UTC’s definition of “critical thinking” is also posted on the SACS website.

The QEP is a major part of SACS reaccreditation. The QEP will change learning outcomes for students as well as the environment that supports student learning. The QEP will be tied to the strategic plan and the mission of the university.

It is important that we have your input. A series of one hour forums have been scheduled for input from the faculty and staff. Several forums in which students can have input are also in the process of being scheduled.

The QEP committee asks that you please attend one or more of these input forums as your schedule permits. The dates are posted on the SACS website. If you are unable to attend please post your thoughts on the blog, also located on the SACS website. Pass the word onto your colleagues within your departments.

The tentative plans are to begin rolling out the QEP during the spring 2010 semester in preparation for our spring 2011 SACS visit. Your input is important and we want to hear from you.

Look forward to your input into this plan as the campus moves through this process.