

SACS Facts, February 2009

QEP? What does THAT mean? Why should I care?

UTC has begun the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) reaccreditation process, and our institution must develop the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan). This means as an accredited institution, SACS asks UTC to look at data and identify key issues so that our university can focus on improving:

- learning outcomes and
- the environment supporting student learning to accomplish the mission of the institution.

This plan must be developed with the participation of institutional constituencies including faculty, staff, students, the public, etc. These groups will identify the topic, scope and assessment of the initiative. The QEP follows the SACS model of using evidence-based data to make decisions about programs, resource allocations, etc.

“I want to encourage each student, faculty and staff member on campus as well as our alumni, community partners and friends of the University to get involved in the focus group sessions organized by the QEP Committee,” said Chancellor Roger Brown. “We need everyone’s input for this committee’s work to be a success.”

The QEP Committee will hold open focus group sessions to begin to narrow the scope for the topic of our QEP on the following days and times. The sessions are open and everyone is encouraged to attend.

February 4, 3 – 4 p.m. in Fletcher 305

February 6, 9 – 10 a.m. in the Raccoon Mountain Room

February 10—2 – 3 p.m. in Fletcher 305

February 13—11 a.m. – 12 noon in the Raccoon Mountain Room

February 18 –5 – 6 p.m. in the Raccoon Mountain Room

Tell us what you think: Post your suggestions for QEP topics to the SACS blog at:
<http://blog.utc.edu/SACS/>

For more information about SACS and the SACS reaffirmation process, see
<http://www.utc.edu/SACS/>