
MEMORANDUM

May 7, 2016

To: Cynthia Cyrus, Vice Provost for Learning and Residential Affairs, and the QEP Topic Selection Committee

From: Susan R. Wentz, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RE: QEP Topic Selection Decision

After careful review of the committee's work, I have validated the thorough process used for facilitating, soliciting, and evaluating proposals for Vanderbilt's Quality Enhancement Plan. I am impressed by the committee's work on behalf of the entire campus and thank you for your tremendous efforts during the 2015-16 academic year.

The three finalists considered for implementation are each compelling in their own right. Importantly, along with ideas from others of at least 40 proposals submitted in the fall, each of these have seeded critical conversations and may very well be adapted for other initiatives on campus. As such, the impact of the committee's work and that of all the faculty, staff, and students involved on all the proposals will reach beyond the single Quality Enhancement Plan selected for our formal accreditation requirement. I ask that the committee and leadership facilitate the distribution of the proposals not selected for connection and potential enrichment of other campus initiatives.

For the formal Quality Enhancement Plan, I am pleased to endorse the selection of "Design as an Immersive Vanderbilt Experience" (DIVE) and approve moving forward with the next phase of planning for implementation of DIVE. I concur with the committee's balanced analysis of focus, feasibility, innovation, and leveraging of cross-campus opportunities.

It is my expectation that DIVE will be further adapted and refined to align with the Immersion frameworks being developed, and to work seamlessly with all groups on campus.

I charge Vice Provost Cynthia Cyrus to convene a group to develop a full proposal for the SACSCOC review.

cc: John Geer, Vice Provost for Academic and Strategic Affairs
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