

August 21, 2015

Dear Dr. Hall,

The university has enjoyed great success from its prior Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). A QEP is a detailed five-year (or more) plan for how to improve student learning at MUSC, and is one requirement for the University's reaffirmation of accreditation (a ten year event). Our prior QEP, Creating Collaborative Care (C3) helped establish MUSC as a leader in inter professional education. Our next QEP must be proposed to the University's accrediting agency in Fall 2016; it can build upon, but not duplicate our prior QEP.

Over the past 6 months, data from C3 were reviewed by numerous constituent groups campus-wide including College Deans, Associate Deans for Academics, the Student Government Association, Faculty Senate, Medical Center Leadership and many others. These results showed where C3 was particularly successful and where there were opportunities for improvement. Recipients of these outcomes were asked to provide their insights for the direction of our next QEP, and those comments have been analyzed to guide us forward.

The overwhelming majority of respondents suggested that MUSC's next QEP topic should be to build students' teamwork skills in real-life clinical care delivery and research. Where C3 helped lay the groundwork in the classroom for valuing and understanding IP teams, our next QEP will provide students real-world skills to make them effective team members.

While we know the general topic of the plan, thanks to the broad based involvement of faculty, students, and staff, now the heavy lifting begins. A leadership team is needed to refine the QEP topic area, determine and develop the specific aims of the QEP, brand and market the idea, develop an appropriate assessment plan, and establish an implementation plan.

The University-level QEP Leadership team will be chaired by Dr. Jeff Borckardt, Assistant Provost for Interprofessional Initiatives. I am writing to request that you serve on the QEP Leadership Team. If you are unable to serve, we request that Cathy Worrall serve on your behalf as a representative for the College of Pharmacy (or a designee of your choosing in the case that she is also unavailable).

Please reply to Jeff Borckardt (please cc Sarah Velasco,velasco@musc.edu) with your response.

Sincerely,



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