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Student Retention: Stepping Stones to Success

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Comprehensive Professional Development Plan

Fall Semester August – December 2023



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What does the research say?

Faculty professional development has the potential to expand faculty effectiveness and lead academic transformation on campuses when executed properly. In 2016, \$359 billion dollars was spent globally on professional development, but the return on investment has been limited by flaws in purpose, timing, and content (Glaveski, 2019). How can faculty development be flexible to provide equitable support with a diverse offering of opportunities that create knowledge and skills that allow faculty to teach using the best pedagogical approaches (Ramsay & Dick, 2019)? Development needs to be an ongoing process that allows one to learn, reflect, and implement different techniques into practice. Faculty development cannot be discrete events with concrete outcomes.

Why is faculty professional development important?

Faculty members are key to students' learning journeys. Faculty need support, resources, and ongoing development to help them provide the best educational experiences. Molly Corbett Broad, President Emerita, for the American Council on Education, stated: "High-quality instruction has been the backbone of an American Higher Education System that remains the envy of the world. But how to measure effective teaching and gauge its impact on an ever more diverse population of students is vital if we are to dramatically increase the number of Americans able to earn a college degree" (Haras, Taylor, Sorcinelli, & von Hoene, 2017). Regardless of learning modality, faculty need skills to create inclusive and equitable learning environments to support learner growth and development.

Efforts to enhance faculty professional development capacity and systematically assess its impacts are essential to measure the quality of current offerings and provide recommendations for designing programs that meet the changing needs of learners, faculty, and institutions (Haras, Taylor, Sorcinelli, & von Hoene, 2017).

What does SACSCOC require?

An example of how higher education institutions adopt and provide professional development comes from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, a regional accrediting agency. They require that accredited institutions develop a Quality Enhancement Plan based on their institutional assessment that focuses on learning outcomes and environments that support student learning. The Quality Enhancement Plan provides an opportunity to engage faculty with the goal of enhancing overall institutional quality and effectiveness (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, 2018).

What does Miles College's Policy and Procedure say?

Miles College provides ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty members as teachers, scholars, and practitioners, consistent with the institutional mission. (*Faculty Handbook, Revised 2020*)

What does Miles College Mission Statement say?

Miles College is a senior, private, liberal arts Historically Black College with roots in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The College through dedicated faculty cultivates students to seek knowledge that leads to intellectual and civic empowerment. Students are transformed through rigorous study, scholarly inquiry, and spiritual awareness, thereby enabling graduates to become responsible citizens who help shape the global society.

What does SACSCOC Standard 6.5 say?

The institution provides ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty members as teachers, scholars, and practitioners, consistent with the institutional mission. (Faculty Development)

SACSCOC Rationale:

Faculty members are at the core of institutional mission-driven activities and therefore need to stay current, improve their own knowledge and skills, and have the opportunity to actively participate in their profession, including (as appropriate) conducting research and engaging in scholarship and clinical practice. In order to establish and sustain a culture where faculty professional development is valued and pervasive, it is important that institutions develop a systematic and comprehensive approach to offering and supporting activities and programs that assist and encourage members of the faculty to pursue professional development. Because of the wide range of institutions within the SACSCOC membership, faculty development policies should be crafted—and reviewed—in light of the institution's mission.



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Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
Academic Advisors	Site Visitation • Lawson State Community College: Academic Student Success Center	August 17, 2023 10 am – 12 pm	LSCC	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
• EN101 • EN102 • SPE111	 Data Deep Dive a) TutorMe Student Usage b) MyLab Writing Student Usage c) MyLab Writing Skills Modules d) LRC Writing Lab Student Usage e) Assessment Item Analysis f) Class Assessment(s) Item Analysis g) EPE Attempts/Completions Professional Book Study Learning Assessment Techniques:	August 18, 2023 10 am – 1 pm	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
 Instructors EN101 EN102 SPE111 	QEP Faculty Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) • Student Outcome • Student Data • Student Work Samples • Lesson Planning	August 24, 2023 2 pm – 4 pm	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2

Acad Advi	lemic sors	Professional Book Study ■ Academic Advising Approaches: Strategies That Teach Students to Make the Most of College by Jane K. Drake, Jordan, and Miller (1st	September 14, 2023 10 am – 12 pm	LRC	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
Instr	uctors	Edition) Chapters 1 & 2 Facilitator: A. Sewell Work Session	September 15, 2023	Pearson	SACSCOC
	EN101 EN102 SPE111	 Data Deep Dive a) TutorMe Student Usage b) MyLab Writing Student Usage c) MyLab Writing Skills Modules d) LRC Writing Lab Student Usage e) Assessment Item Analysis f) Class Assessment(s) Item Analysis g) EPE Attempts/Completions Professional Book Study Learning Assessment Techniques:	10 am – 1 pm	Hall	Standard 7.2
Instr	EN101 EN102 SPE111	QEP Faculty Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)	September 19, 2023 11 am – 12 noon & September 21, 2023 11 am – 12 noon	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2

Academic Advisors	Professional Book Study Academic Advising Approaches: Strategies That Teach Students to Make the Most of College by Jane K. Drake, Jordan, and Miller (1st Edition) ✓ Chapters 3 & 4 ✓ Facilitator: T. Sanders	October 19, 2023 10 am – 12 pm	LRC	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
• EN101 • EN102 • SPE111	 Data Deep Dive a) TutorMe Student Usage b) MyLab Writing Student Usage c) MyLab Writing Skills Modules d) LRC Writing Lab Student Usage e) Assessment Item Analysis f) Class Assessment(s) Item Analysis g) EPE Attempts/Completions Professional Book Study Learning Assessment Techniques:	October 20, 2023 10 am – 1 pm	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
• EN101 • EN102 • SPE111	QEP Faculty Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)	October 24, 2023 11 am – 12 noon & October 26, 2023 11 am – 12 noon	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2

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Academic Advisors	Professional Book Study Academic Advising Approaches: Strategies That Teach Students to Make the Most of College by Jane K. Drake, Jordan, and Miller (1st Edition) ✓ Chapters 5, 6, & 7 ✓ Facilitator: C. Gillion	November 16, 2023 10 am – 12 pm	LRC	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
 EN101 EN102 SPE111 	 Data Deep Dive a) TutorMe Student Usage b) MyLab Writing Student Usage c) MyLab Writing Skills Modules d) LRC Writing Lab Student Usage e) Assessment Item Analysis f) Class Assessment(s) Item Analysis g) EPE Attempts/Completions Professional Book Study Learning Assessment Techniques:	November 17, 2023 10 am – 1 pm	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
InstructorsEN101EN102SPE111	QEP Faculty Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)	November 28, 2023 11 am – 12 noon & November 30, 2023 11 am – 12 noon	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2

Academic Advisors	Professional Book Study Academic Advising Approaches: Strategies That Teach Students to Make the Most of College by Jane K. Drake, Jordan, and Miller (1st Edition) ✓ Chapters 8, 9, & 10 ✓ Facilitator: A. McCormick	December 14, 2023 10 am – 12 pm	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
 EN101 EN102 SPE111 	 Data Deep Dive a) TutorMe Student Usage b) MyLab Writing Student Usage c) MyLab Writing Skills Modules d) LRC Writing Lab Student Usage e) Assessment Item Analysis f) Class Assessment(s) Item Analysis g) EPE Attempts/Completions Professional Book Study Learning Assessment Techniques:	December 15, 2023 10 am – 1 pm	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
InstructorsEN101EN102SPE111	QEP Faculty Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)	December 14, 2023 2 pm – 4 pm	Pearson Hall	SACSCOC Standard 7.2
	TOTAL Fall Semester: QEP Professional Development Hours	35 hrs.		