

WHAT WILL BE OUR NEXT QEP?

It's Up to You.

Overview of QEP Topic Selection

Winthrop University, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), will complete a reaffirmation process as part of the review Class of 2022. A hallmark of the SACSCOC reaffirmation process is the proposal and implementation of a Quality Enhancement Plan, or QEP, which is a significant institutional project that focuses on student learning and is executed in the five years following one's reaffirmation. Quality Enhancement Plan proposals have several expectations, one of which is cross-campus community participation in the determination of the QEP's topic, or student learning focus.

To facilitate this process, a Topic Selection Committee has been formed. Invited by the president to serve, the committee is comprised of 20 members of Winthrop University's campus – including faculty, staff, and students from across colleges and divisions. These committee members facilitate the topic selection process by promoting widespread participation from the start, then working with survey data to identify and develop themes. Finally, Topic Selection Committee members commit to supporting the ongoing work of future QEP committees such as the QEP Development and QEP Implementation Committees.

Winthrop Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Meg Webber said the Topic Selection Committee will begin by promoting a short two-question survey to the Winthrop community prior to the Winter Holiday. Later, during early spring semester, identified themes will be developed into possible topics. These topics will then reach the campus community for feedback in a second survey. Next, a final topic selection will be made by senior leadership from among the survey proven priorities. According to Webber, "Winthrop's last QEP focused on global learning and intercultural competencies, and its success was due in large part to the widespread buy-in that came from a topic selection process that was clearly co-owned across the campus community. We intend to have that same strong foundation for our second QEP."

Watch for opportunities to participate!
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