

## ACCREDITATION STEERING COMMITTEE

April 11, 2018

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**Members present:** Wayne Sunahara, Jennifer Higa-King, Steve Auerbach, Derek Inafuku, David Panisnick, Jerry Saviano, Cynthia Smith, Jeff Stearns (notetaker)

The goal of meeting was to finalize the decision on two Quality Focus Essays, but too few members attended, so the committee agreed on holding a special April 18 meeting to give an opportunity for more involvement.

The committee spent much of the meeting talking about the first QFE idea, looking at a draft. There was a suggestion that we call it “Increasing Student Engagement” or similar, instead of mentoring. The QFE must focus on student achievement and student success, which we could track from persistence data and course completion data, but could include faculty professional development, for example, since it does support the project. In the April 18 meeting more ideas can be gathered.

The three QFE ideas on the table:

**QFE idea - Peer Mentoring to Improve Student Engagement:** Jeff will outline the links to the standard.

**QFE idea - Sustainability:** Cynthia will outline the links to the standard.

**QFE idea - Improving Counseling and Other Support for Distance Education:** Jerry will outline the links to the standard.