

## Writing for the Real World: Strengthening Writing and Career Knowledge

### **QEP Implementation/Resource Team Named for School of Justice**

For each School that will be participating in the infusion of the MDC Quality Enhancement Plan, an Implementation/Resource Team (IRT) will be established to ensure the full implementation of the QEP. These teams will provide the oversight and coordination for the planning, assessment and reporting process of the institutional effectiveness cycle, as well as the communication efforts to the intended audiences. Each team will ensure resources are adequate and available to effectively permit the implementation of the QEP and will have the flexibility to consult with applicable ad-hoc members from faculty and staff associated with a particular implementation in a given discipline or program. Membership of SOJ IRT includes Richard Prentiss (QEP), Brooke Bovee (English Faculty), Sara Alegria (Learning Resources), Hanadi Saleh (CT&D), Archieval Cubarribia (Institutional Effectiveness), Jacqueline Pena (Academic Affairs), Georgette Pérez (Student Services), Clyde Pflieger (SOJ Faculty), Elizabeth Buchholz (SOJ Faculty), Leah Sheaf (SOJ Faculty), and Kenneth Staab (SOJ Chairperson). The SOJ team is scheduled to meet a minimum of twice during the major terms.

### **School of Business Begins QEP Process**

On January 5, 2015, full- and part-time faculty and the academic administration of the School of Business began the QEP developmental process with their participation in the “School of Business QEP Kick-Off” event. During this event, information was presented related to the QEP and the process utilized by the School of Justice for the developmental phase of the QEP infusion. The School of Business is continuing the QEP process by identifying faculty who will serve on the QEP Development Committee for the School of Business. In conjunction with the academic administration from the School of Business, this faculty-led committee will select the degree(s) and courses that will be identified as QEP-COP courses to facilitate the infusion of the MDC Quality Enhancement Plan into the School of Business.

### **QEP Training is Underway...**

College Training & Development (CT&D) has developed and will be implementing multiple training opportunities for faculty to facilitate the infusion of the MDC QEP. Training opportunities for the QEP began with the various QEP sessions that took place during the recent Professional Development Day held on March 6. Additional training opportunities available to faculty during the Spring 2014 semester will include Rubric Assessment and Utilization and the Spring Break Seminar that will focus on “Writing to Learn.” Although the current training efforts are focused on the School of Justice faculty, this training provides the opportunity for all MDC faculty to participate. During Fall 2015, additional training for full-time faculty will continue, as well as training opportunities for adjunct faculty and staff. Watch for CT&D announcements for upcoming training opportunities that you can participate in to promote the culture of writing at Miami Dade College.

### **What’s to Come....**

- The infusion of the MDC QEP for the School of Justice will take place on the North and Hialeah campuses beginning in the Fall 2015 term.
- As presented in the MDC Quality Enhancement Plan and to assist with the infusion of the plan’s components, full-time personnel will be secured to support the QEP process. In conjunction with the Student Achievement Initiative, Community of Interest Managers will be hired for the School of Justice and the School of Business and begin their work in May 2015. These individuals will support the faculty and academic administration with the infusion of SAI and QEP components.
- To support writing for students, two full-time writing coaches will be hired and be housed in Learning Resources. Additionally, six part-time writing tutors will also be available beginning in May 2015 to support the writing process.

**If you have a question, need information or would like to provide feedback or comments, please contact QEP Director Dr. Richard Prentiss at 305-237-7367 or send an email to [rprentis@mdc.edu](mailto:rprentis@mdc.edu). Visit [mdc.edu/qep](http://mdc.edu/qep) to learn more online.**