INFORMATION ITEM:
Quality Enhancement Plan in Preparation for SACS Reaffirmation Process

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) is a fully accredited and participating member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools / Commission on Colleges (SACS). UNCG is up for its next reaffirmation by SACS in 2014. The Core Requirement 2.12 of the SACS Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement (The Principles) requires submission of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as a part of the reaffirmation process. A QEP Steering Committee (consisting of faculty, students, staff, and administrators) was formed in August 2012 to oversee the process to identify a focal topic and develop the UNCG QEP. The process provided opportunities for broad based input from the campus community (including faculty, staff, students, alumni, and administrators) to submit proposals for the themes. By the end of October 2012, twenty five (25) proposals were submitted. From among those 25 topic ideas, the QEP Steering Committee identified a short list of five QEP topic ideas. The proposers of the five QEP topic ideas were given an opportunity to refine and further integrate the proposals. Finally, during the February 25th through the March 1st, 2013 period, there was an all-campus vote on three main themes that had emerged, namely, Communication for Action, Global Engagement, and Integration for Action. Based on about 1600 votes cast by students, faculty, staff, and administrators, the theme of Global Engagement was selected as the topic of the UNCG QEP. A Design Team (consisting of 15 members drawn from the faculty, students, staff, and administrators) is working on fine tuning the QEP topic and preparing the QEP document to be submitted to SACS by December 2013.

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