

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

### Affirming the QEP Topic Through Broad-Based Input

During the Spring Semester, the QEP Planning Committee began QEP Topic Affirmation presentations. These presentations were designed to inform constituents throughout the College on the progress of the QEP and to confirm the topic identified for the MDC QEP. Members of the planning committee traveled from campus to campus to provide these presentations. Participants included campus executive committee members, administrators, staff and faculty. In March 2014, an all-day Professional Development Day was held with more than 1,200 individuals participating. These presentations have continued into the Summer Semester.

To ensure a student voice in this affirmation and through the efforts of Dr. Nicole Bryant, planning committee members conducted student focus groups on each campus during the Spring Semester. In these sessions, students were asked to provide feedback on seven content areas that directly related to the QEP topic and the academic support services provided to students by the College. Again, information from these focus groups demonstrated positive results.

### QEP Awareness Campaign

During the month of July, the QEP Awareness Campaign will begin through a number of sources. On all campuses, information will be provided through the various electronic information screens. Additional awareness campaign material is being provided at QEP update presentations. At the beginning of the Fall Semester, a QEP Awareness Packet will be provided to attendees at the collegewide and campus convocations. The College's QEP website will be launched at [www.mdc.edu/qep/](http://www.mdc.edu/qep/). It will contain information that will assist all employees in enhancing their awareness of the MDC Quality Enhancement Plan.

To further assist with the QEP Awareness, each area of the College

is being asked to identify how they will be involved and/or engaged with the implementation of the QEP. Please be sure to include your area in this awareness campaign!

To promote QEP Awareness to students, Student Life and Student Government Association representatives will assist with the Awareness Campaign. During the Fall Semester, the SGA will distribute QEP information and prizes during a "QEP Prize Patrol" event to be held on each campus.

On Oct. 20-23, 2014, the SACSCOC reaffirmation visit will take place. At this time, members of the SACSCOC visiting team will go to each campus. During their visitation, they can ask any student, faculty, staff and administrator questions related to the MDC Quality Enhancement Plan. It is important for everyone at the College to take advantage of the information provided so you can be one of the "shining stars" for MDC when one of the SACSCOC representatives asks you about the QEP!

### What's to Come?

- The QEP Awareness Campaign will be getting started and ramped up during the beginning of the Fall Semester.
- The final version of the Miami Dade College Quality Enhancement Plan continues to progress through the approval process and will be sent to SACSCOC by Sept. 1, 2014.
- The School of Justice continues its preparation for the infusion of QEP components beginning in Fall 2015.

The Schools of Business, Health Sciences and Nursing will become part of the QEP process beginning in Year Three.

**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.**