QEP’s Oktoberfest was a Touchdown with a Two-Point Conversion

Excluding Professional Development Day hosted in February, a record number of faculty participated in QEP-Endorsed and QEP Workshops during the month of October. The participant feedback was overwhelming positive. Some of the comments were: “This was an amazing workshop,” “Outstanding workshop,” and “Well-organized. Fun. Good instruction.” To view survey results for the workshops, visit the QEP website and click on Goal 2: Indirect Measures.

New Faculty Institute

Not only were there four QEP-related workshops in October, on October 9th, Professor Erick Perez facilitated an interactive workshop for 10 new full-time faculty. Professor Perez introduced faculty to the critical thinking model used by QEP Scholars and engaged them in activities they could use in the classroom to foster critical thinking skills. In the survey responses, one participant stated, “Fantastic session. Favorite of NFI so far.”

ThanksQEPing Holiday Workshop

Maybe it is not a “Thanksgiving” holiday workshop, but how often can someone say, “ThanksQEPing”? But it is definitely the quadrilogy in the North Campus Professional Development Series. Mark your calendars for *Just QEP It! Creating Critical Thinkers* facilitated by QEP Scholars Victoria Noorzai and David Perdian on November 17, 2015. Register through BCConnect, keyword, QEP. Not only will participants engage in meaningful activities, there will be a drawing for a fabulous “QEP Teaching Toolkit.”

Teaching Takeaway

During Dr. Nathalie Franco’s workshop on metacognition, she discussed the “Wrapper” as a teaching technique developed at Carnegie Mellon to assist students with developing their metacognitive skills. The “Exam Wrapper” is a technique worth trying. For example, the professor asks questions that require students to reflect on their metacognitive process, questions such as: (1) What did you do to prepare for the exam? and (2) Where did you make errors? To learn more about the “Wrapper” and other great techniques, review Dr. Franco’s PowerPoint presentation from October’s workshop, Metacognition: A Key to Cultivating Critical Thinking.

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