MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty  
From: Mark B. Rosenberg, President  
Date: February 17, 2010  
Re: Awareness Campaign for the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

As you know, our university received a very positive report from the off-site review of FIU’s Compliance Certification Report (CCR) prepared for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). While we are very proud of this accomplishment, we cannot rest on our laurels but must continue vigorous preparations for the on-campus site visit that will occur March 8-11. The main focus of the March site visit will be our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) — Global Learning for Global Citizenship.

For more than two years, faculty, students, and administrators have been working to develop and design FIU’s QEP. I appreciate the work so many of you have done thus far to advance this forward-looking, student-centered initiative that will give our students the tools they need to become engaged citizens and compete in the global labor market. Our QEP, which is innovative, multi-faceted, and incorporates experiences in and outside the classroom, will enhance the way we educate our students.

Now, as the site visit is fast approaching, we are initiating a university-wide QEP communications campaign. The goal is for every member of the university community to understand and embrace this aspect of the 21st century university we are building. In order for the university to have its accreditation reaffirmed, we must demonstrate broad-based involvement in the development and proposed implementation of the QEP. The SACS review team will assess this requirement in part by directly asking students, faculty, staff, and administrators to describe FIU’s QEP.

Students consistently tell us that faculty members are their most influential information sources. As such, at this critical juncture, I ask that you assist in our effort to inform students of the Global Learning for Global Citizenship QEP. You can assist in this effort by including the following copy in correspondence with your students and discussing it in class throughout the spring 2010 semester:

FIU is intent on helping you develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes you need to become an engaged global citizen and compete successfully in the global marketplace. The university is doing this through a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) which we are calling Global Learning for Global Citizenship. FIU is now offering new global learning courses and co-curricular activities.
Global Learning for Global Citizenship is also the centerpiece of FIU’s 2010 reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Accreditation is important because it is directly related to the value of your degree and your ability to receive loans and financial aid.

For more information on how to take full advantage of FIU's QEP, please visit http://goglobal.fiu.edu/.

Help spread the word about our QEP: Global Learning for Global Citizenship.

Your efforts to inform students will not only support our reaffirmation of accreditation, but also promote the success of the QEP by encouraging students to take advantage of the new global learning opportunities FIU offers. I appreciate everything that you can do to facilitate our final preparations for the visit. Your contribution is fundamental to the university’s reaffirmation of accreditation.

I know I can count on your assistance in this important endeavor.