Reaffirmation Update
This week, we strategically invited TTU faculty and staff to join the QEP Topic Implementation Committee. The inaugural meeting of this committee is set for May 10th at 4:00PM via Microsoft Teams. Below is a screenshot of the email invitation that was sent:

Invitation to Serve on QEP Topic Implementation Committee (Student Mental Health)

Dear TTU Colleagues:

The Office of Planning & Assessment would like to ask you to serve on Texas Tech's QEP Topic Implementation Committee. Because of the University’s identified 2025 strategic planning goal to "enhance and nurture a learning environment that fosters success and student wellness," the Office of the Provost recommends a QEP plan that is focused on student mental health.

I expect the time commitment over the next year and a half to be approximately 40-60 total hours. The committee will convene once in early May (May 10th at 4:00PM on Teams), once in late August (time TBD), and then periodically throughout the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters. The committee’s work will likely taper off in Fall 2023. As you consider this decision, I am including helpful historical information on Texas Tech’s former QEPs: [https://www.dacs.ttu.edu/opus/InstitutionalResources.aspx?pp=pp]

Could you please respond to me by May 2, 2022 to let me know if you’d be willing to work with us? Thanks in advance for your response!

Kindly,
Jennifer

TechQuest Update
OPA will conclude our 2022 TechQuest administration to 10,549 Seniors at TTU on April 29th. As of April 27th, there are 873 completed assessments, with a completion rate of 77%. Our Fall administration finished with 1,113 responses and a response rate of 87%, so we plan on sending out a final reminder email on Thursday to encourage more last-minute responses. Early next week, will use the completed distribution list of students that opted in for the drawing and choose two scholarship winners who will each receive $500. We use the TechQuest data to supplement our other assessments (ETS Proficiency Profile and NSSE) during
the semesters they are not administered. TechQuest results will be included in the 2021-2022 Core Curriculum Annual Report and will be conducted again in Fall 2023.

Dr. Dora Epstein-Jones Named Spring 2020 Assessment Spotlight

Preparation for Summer HB2504 Compliance

Summer House Bill 2504 preparations are underway! At this time, the import for Summer and Fall courses is active and creating courses regularly for faculty syllabus upload. The deadlines for Summer are:

**Summer I: June 9**

**Summer II: July 13**

As the summer terms often have less demand on staff, OPA has a few Faculty Success-related projects underway that will be instrumental in increasing TTU compliance. First is our Departmental Annual Assessments. After each of these meetings, a Faculty Roster as generated from Faculty Success (formerly Digital Measures) is sent to the department chair for review. This is a standard part of our process for identifying faculty missing required information and for identifying records that may need to be updated for new hires or for changes in employment.

Secondly, OPA is now reaching out to various departments to assist with the CV Imports function of Faculty Success. OPA will be reaching out to each department chair on a regular rotation to request CVs for faculty who may need assistance. We are also now requesting CVs for faculty identified during Annual Assessment meetings. If any faculty wish to be a part of this new initiative, OPA simply needs a .docx copy sent to opa.support@ttu.edu!
OPA Learning Series
On Tuesday, April Wednesday April 26th, Jennifer Hughes presented an hour-long presentation over “What Do I Need to Know about SACSCOC Reaffirmation?” The presentation focused on practical information about Differentiated Review, the QEP, and a general timeline for reaffirmation activities. There were 17 attendees, and we had good representation from both faculty and staff. This presentation completes our Spring 2022 Learning Series.

Annual Chair Meetings
Our Annual Chair Meetings to discuss Degree Program Assessment Reviews have started! Over the course of the next two months, OPA will meet individually with Chairs in every educational department across campus, totaling over 55 meetings. These meetings are very valuable as they give OPA the opportunity to provide guidance, encouragement, and to show gratitude for the hard work faculty contribute to their assessment plan process. It also offers both OPA and the Department a chance to communicate any changes that have occurred over the academic year.

TxAHEA 2022 Planning Update
Emily Wade completed some significant changes to the TxAHEA website, and we remain grateful to Emily for her creative expertise! This week, Nuventive agreed to be a sponsor for TxAHEA, and we are thankful for their continued support of the conference. We also fixed
some glitches in the Indico conference registration system, which should hopefully result in a better registration experience.