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### EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

#### CRITICAL/CREATIVE THINKING CERTIFIED FACULTY: A THREE-LEVEL PROGRAM

**Rationale:** to create a program for faculty so that they may be certified as having demonstrated their skills in critical and creative thinking (CCT) developing from remembering and understanding through applying and analyzing to evaluating and creating.

##### I. Level I: Foundational Skills

- Applicants must complete a base tutorial on critical and creative thinking available on the Office of Quality Enhancement Programs (OQEP) website.
- Applicants must go to the OQEP website to successfully complete an online test on such things as the EKU definitions of critical and creative thinking, the Paul-Elder model, our shared concepts, the Elements of Reasoning, and the Intellectual Standards.
- Applicants must attend a workshop on the Paul-Elder model.

##### II. Level II: Associate Skills

- Applicants must submit a course syllabus that details linked CCT objectives, classroom activities, and assessment methods.
- Applicants must submit samples of CCT assignments (e.g., short papers, term papers, student portfolios) as well as the rubrics used to assess those assignments from two different courses in two different semesters.

##### III. Level III: Master Skills

- Applicants must give a scholarly presentation incorporating CCT at three conferences (one national/regional required) or publish an article in one of Boyer's four categories on CCT in a national journal.
- Applicants must become QEP Coaches.

##### Guidelines

- All applications will be vetted by OQEP.
- Certificates will be issued for level III, and a list will be kept for levels I and II.
- All materials in the certification program will be placed online complete with a philosophic justification of the program.
- A competition will be created so that prizes are awarded for the first department to reach each of the three levels.
- A certificate (signed by the Chair of the Society of Foundation Professors Steering Committee) that is suitable for tenure, promotion, and merit assessment will be issued to each successful applicant.
- A beta website of the certification program with the basic information, a tutorial, and an online test will be created in Spring 2009. In Fall 2009 the OQEP will do a campus rollout of Level I.
- Gradually the materials used by applicants will be placed on the websites as models.
- Coaches will work with applicants to meet standards.