On this the 29th day of January, 2007 at 12:30 p.m., the following members of the QEP Development committee were present for a meeting held in Room 310 on the Vernon College campus.

   Cindy Coufal, committee chair      James Graham
   Paula Whitman                      Joe Johnston
   Nancy Smith                        Dean Johnston
   Rita Lee                           Dennis Taylor
   Absent:  Betsy Harkey, Roxie Hill, Jim Binion

1. Call the meeting to Order. – Cindy Coufal called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of previous meeting’s minutes. Joe Johnston requested that one sentence in item #3 be changed to read, “The IT members of the committee stated that there would be no email accounts established based on cost, capacity, and lack of student usage.” Paula Whitman moved to approve the minutes as amended, and Rita Lee seconded. Motion passed.

3. Review of the QEP topic. Joe Johnston presented an overview of the QEP topic, including how the focus of the project has changed with the purchase of the portal technology by the college. The focus changes to teaching and learning with emphasis on empowering faculty to engage students with collaboration and connectivity efforts. Paula Whitman noted that collaboration should not be mandated from instructors and that instructor buy-in for this project would be difficult to obtain.

   Members discussed briefly the benchmarking test, the CCSSE.

4. Choosing topic/goal/focus. Members worked to develop definitions for the terms of their QEP.

   Collaboration-group processes of education and communication which empower faculty, students, and staff to work as teams to facilitate a change in student learning.
Connectivity—the means or methods that empower students, faculty, and staff to communicate in different ways.

5. Members will e-mail possible student representatives’ names to Cindy so that they can be contacted before the next meeting.
6. Members discussed the need to involve more faculty members from the Wichita Falls campuses. Sandy Gable, Donnie Kirk, Melody Bell, and Dean Brumley were instructors who were recommended to join the committee. Cindy will invite them to join the committee.
7. Members set the next meeting for Monday, February 12 for a time and place to be determined.

There being no further business to come before the development committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.