

Institution: Marine Corps University

QEP Title: Strengthening Leadership through Enhanced Creative Problem Solving

Narrative Summary: As a result of reviewing data from five years of student and faculty surveys, in person focus groups, and on-line inputs from students, faculty, and staff from across Marine Corps University (MCU), the President of Marine Corps University selected *Strengthening Leadership through Enhanced Creative Problem Solving* as the topic for the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The MCU QEP has one overarching goal: to enhance students' creative problem solving skills. *Strengthening Leadership through Enhanced Creative Problem Solving* calls for the establishment of the MCU Center for Applied Creativity (CAC), which will serve as a general support asset to MCU schools by assisting with curriculum and faculty development. The CAC will also coordinate learning opportunities for MCU faculty and students. The QEP will enhance student learning by honing our students' capacities for creative thought and allowing them opportunities to apply creative thinking skills to solve concrete problems. This objective is aligned directly with the mission and vision of Marine Corps University and will position our students to be more competent leaders and decision makers in the challenging times ahead.

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