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Title *	Center for Teaching Development
Problem / Opportunity Statement *	Although Washburn markets itself as a teaching school, it does not have a center for teaching development. The lack of a center for teaching development represents a disconnect between the advertised product and the product that is actually delivered to consumers.
Select one quality initiative sub-theme. *	Faculty Transitions
Sub-theme description. *	A center for teaching development exists at hundreds of universities across the nation. The training and development opportunities offered at these centers are identical to those mentioned in the description of the faculty transition subtheme. Links to hundreds of faculty development centers can be found at http://www.wfu.edu/tlc/resources/other-centers.php
Benefits *	By providing transitioning faculty members with the opportunity to develop their teaching skills, Washburn University will improve its ability to recruit and retain high-quality teachers. When transitioning faculty improve their teaching skills, students will receive a higher-quality education. Further description of the benefits can be found at any of the links for the faculty development centers listed at http://www.wfu.edu/tlc/resources/other-centers.php
Scope *	By providing transitioning faculty with the training to incorporate technology into their in-class and online courses, Washburn will be better able to meet the growing demand for academic majors for which the requirements can be completed entirely online. By offering a center for faculty to develop their online pedagogy, academic departments will be less concerned that offering an entire academic major online will be detrimental to the quality of the product offered to consumers. Detailed descriptions of the scope or impact on the institution as a whole can be found at any of the links for the faculty development centers listed at http://www.wfu.edu/tlc/resources/other-centers.php
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