

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Student Engagement Committee
Tuesday, November 15, 2005
3:00 P.M.

Present: Paul Hankins (Chair), Lynn Byrd, Barry Campbell, Jennie Gunn, Elaine Lambert, and Paul Starkey.

Absent: Darlene Crone-Todd.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Student Engagement Committee was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on November 15, 2005, in Bailey 200 on the DSU campus. Minutes from the previous meeting held on November 1, 2005 were reviewed. Changes will be made by Lynn Byrd and added to the SEC website.

Items Discussed

Technology Monitoring
QEP Electronic Feedback
Community-Based Learning
Writing Program Director
Technology Curriculum Integration Week
Student Behaviors Code
Campus Connection
Conferences for SEC Champions
Upcoming SEC Meetings

Detailed Discussion

Technology Monitoring

Goal 2 of the Quality Enhancement Plan states that Delta State University will enhance student engagement through increased use of technology and web-based communication in classroom activities and assignments. Twenty-five percent of undergrad and thirty percent of graduate courses should have incorporated some use of advanced technology in their courses by the end of the spring 2006 semester.

Faculty members should document the ways that technology is being used in their course syllabi. The SEC has reviewed the data collection tool that will be sent to academic deans and chairs to help identify technology uses. Paul Starkey stated that the academic deans were informed of this during the last Academic Council meeting.

QEP Survey

Paul Hankins stated that there is currently no question referring to web-based feedback in the existing QEP Survey. The SEC decided to ask Darlene Crone-Todd, former SEC Chair, to prepare a question concerning performance feedback. After the question(s) are written, key contact people should be aware of the questions added to the survey. This task needs to be complete by the end of November.

Community Based Learning

Paul Starkey reported that Dr. John Thornell is in favor of having a week-long Academic Excellence Week. SEC members will work with Chuck Smithhart, Chair of the "May We Present" Lecture Series, and Debbie Allen, Chair of Honors Day, to coordinate this event and placing some emphasis on community-based learning. Paul Hankins will meet Debbie Allen and Chuck Smithhart about an appropriate date for the event.

WAC Program Director

The Writing Across the Curriculum Committee has not named a chair for the 2005-2006 academic year. Tim Colbert is to arrange a meeting with the WAC committee. Elaine Lambert will be at the meeting to discuss the hiring of the Writing Program Director.

Technology Curriculum Integration Week

Felix Rizvanov presented a proposal to Academic Council about hosting a Technology Curriculum Integration Week to showcase faculty who has successfully integrated technology into their courses. In each college or school, faculty who are involved in e-based learning will be identified. Technology presentations/lectures will be given by a faculty member from each college/school. The person chosen to represent the college/school will be named the Technology Champion for that college/school. The technology champions will receive a \$500 stipend and a \$1000 faculty development award.

Student Behaviors Code

Barry Campbell will talk with Beverly Moon concerning developing a code of student behaviors for the students at Delta State University.

Campus Connection

Barry Campbell will write the SEC article for the next edition of Campus Connection.

Student Engagement Champions

SEC Champions need to research and find at least two possible conferences that are student engagement related. We will then choose conferences to attend in the spring.

Upcoming SEC Meetings

A meeting with the entire SEC Committee is set for January 17, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room in Kent Wyatt Hall. The next Student Engagement Champions meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Bailey 200. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Byrd