

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Student Engagement Committee
May 2, 2005

The SEC meeting was held on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Bailey 200. Members present were Darlene Crone-Todd, Jan Cooper, Alan Barton, Bill Spencer, Luther Brown, Jennie Gunn, Elaine Lambert and Paul Hankins. Minutes of the April 25, 2005 meeting were approved as read.

The group discussed the unit-specific initiatives and assessment goals. There is some confusion as to the continuity between the unit-specific learning outcomes that were written in 2004 and the student learning outcomes statements being required by the Assessment Champions in May 2005. Some groups were given this task to complete in a very short time period and questioned the need. We need one annual report which appeals to multiple audiences to satisfy SACS. Darlene will articulate a letter expressing this question raised during the discussion.

Student Engagement Champions will meet with Dr. John Thornell on Monday, May 9, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Dr. Thornell's office (Kent Wyatt Hall 228). At this meeting, we will share our accomplishments for 2004-2005 and vision for the new committee members.

Darlene sent samples of behavior policies to committee members. It is our recommendation that the new members work on a positive student behavior code and one for faculty also. This can be completed in conjunction with SGA and GST classes.

The GST proposal was discussed by the Cabinet, which suggested one class to be a "pilot" class to determine if these changes would be beneficial to students. We discussed possible problems with one class being intensely academic and the other classes receiving credit for extracurricular activities. The SEC recommends integrating these ideas slowly into the existing classes. Each GST class could read one book for

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discussion/writing assignments and include a cultural experience and/or service project.

We also recommend a syllabus for each GST class to ensure continuity.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. in our Bailey office. At this time, members will review information to be shared with Dr. Thornell. All new members are invited to join us for the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Cooper
Secretary