

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Student Engagement Committee
September 6, 2005

The SEC meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in Bailey 200. Members present were Paul Hankins, Lynn Byrd, and Jennie Gunn. Minutes of the August 30, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

Open House for the Student Engagement Office (Bailey 200) is tentatively set for Tuesday, September 20, 2005 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Paul Hankins will write a brief announcement and ask Patsy Burchfield to send an electronic copy of the announcement to all faculty and staff. Jennie Gunn is to contact Aramark to get an estimated cost for preparing refreshments for 50 – 100 participants.

The Student Engagement Committee (SEC) will develop an informational flyer to be distributed during the open house ceremony that gives our mission, states resources housed at the SEC office, tells why the SEC group was formed, and possibly show some of the NSSE results.

The SEC will conduct a faculty forum during the ROMEA Conference (Reaching Out to Mississippi: Education in Action) which is scheduled for September 28, 2005. The SEC Faculty Forum will be held from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Ewing building on the DSU campus. During the forum, SEC should be ready to discuss the following topics:

- ✓ Purpose of the Student Engagement Committee
- ✓ Quality Enhancement Plan Timeline
- ✓ Past and Ongoing Faculty Development Workshops
- ✓ Modifications to the GST Course
- ✓ National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
- ✓ Writing Across the Curriculum in response to NSSE

- ✓ Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE)
- ✓ DSU Student Engagement Survey

Paul stated that the SEC is responsible for conducting three faculty development workshops each academic year—one campus-wide workshop and two college specific workshops. Each student engagement champion should meet with faculty from their college/division and with their dean to find out ways that web-based technology is being used. From this data, we will determine possible college specific workshops that should be conducted. We will also compare the NSSE and FSSE findings and try to develop a campus-wide faculty development workshop.

The SEC group is responsible for administering an in-house Student Engagement Survey. The survey will be given to all freshman and senior level students at DSU. In order to have time to administer the test and to properly evaluate the results before the end of the academic year, the survey should be given during the end of the fall semester.

Members of the SEC should research to find professional development conferences to attend. The conferences should be student engagement related and should also be beneficial in helping us to succeed in the goals of the Student Engagement Committee.

SEC committed \$750 to the service learning workshop that will be at Delta State on September 22-23, 2005. The Ethnography and Civic Engagement seminar will feature Dr. Greg Sharrow, Director of Education at the Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury, VT and Mr. Joe Brooks, Founder and Executive Director of Vermont Community Works, Inc. All members of the SEC are encouraged to attend the workshop.

Delta State University's membership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) has expired. The cost of regaining membership is \$3,420. Paul will meet with Darlene Crone-Todd, former chair of the SEC, to discuss the benefits of

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regaining membership. The SEC will then make a recommendation to regain membership if deemed necessary.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Bailey 200. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Byrd