

Delta State University
Student Engagement Committee
Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Present: Corlis Snow, David Salinero, Paul Hankins, Elise Jenkins, and David Hebert

Absent: Paul Starkey

Meeting Time: 3:00-4:15

Minutes

The committee reviewed and edited the minutes from the January 30 meeting.

NSSE

Elise Jenkins reported that she has already received 33 completed surveys. OIT is also looking into bounced emails in order to resend. In other cases, OIT is looking to get emails on other students who had no email address listed. NSSE information should come out in the Provost's next weekly email newsletter. There was no news on FSSE to report.

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General comments by Chair Hankins:

With proper assessment in place, we should be able to track with some reliability how each module assists in the engagement process.

The SEC should be open to the possibility of these modules carrying over to the spring (2nd) semester in order to be as thorough as possible.

Discussion of Specific Modules, Presenter Options, and Assessment (not necessarily in the chronological order in which they will be offered):

Topic 1

Service Learning

Presenters: Ideal candidates to oversee this session are Tamika Eatmon from the Delta Center for Culture and Learning or the Campus Compact organization at USM.

Assessment: NSSE, QEP, or FSSE

The group then discussed the importance of creating an assessment tool of its own (either in the form of an entrance/exit exam or pre/post-survey. Through these means, we would be able to gauge the faculty's experiences, and then also later assess the usefulness of the programs. Elise Jenkins agreed to begin writing up a bulleted list of what we'd like to measure.

Topic 2

Advising – Topics to be covered include mentoring, course advising, ethics, and career counseling

Presenters: The committee came up with several options.

- a. One knowledgeable person per college (chair, dean, professor, etc.)
- b. John Elliot: He could cover general information that all students should know (registration details, important dates)
- c. Dianne Blansett – To cover important aspects of the remedial courses

Assessment: NSSE, FSSE, In-house document (to be created)

Notes: Possibility of having two sessions: one general and the other college specific.

Topic 3

Tenure/Promotion

Presenters: Someone from Academic Affairs (Provost perhaps) or a well-versed faculty member; a departmental liaison could be appointed to answer specific “in-house” questions peculiar to that department.

Assessment: Periodic reviews of the tenure portfolio (either on the 3-5-7 schedule or 2-4-6)

Topic 4

Writing Across the Curriculum

Presenters: The WAC Committee will deliver the WAC component.

Assessment: NSSE

Topic 5

History and Culture of the Delta

Presenters: Dr. Luther Brown as well as relevant community members (i.e. Chamber of Commerce)

Notes: Session(s) should be near the beginning of the semester. Including Cleveland-area speakers will make the faculty feel part of the Cleveland/Delta community as well as the DSU community.

Faculty Retention

Dr. Hebert reported on the meeting between the Faculty Retention Committee and Dr. Thornell. Topics discussed at the meeting were faculty apartments, salaries, and teacher-student ratios. The committee will revise the document per Dr. Thornell's suggestions and then resubmit it.