

Delta State University
Student Engagement Committee
Tuesday February 20, 2007

Present: David Salinero, Paul Hankins, Corlis Snow, David Hebert
Absent: Elise Jenkins, Paul Starkey
Meeting Time: 3:00-4:15

Minutes

The committee reviewed and edited the minutes from the February 6th meeting.

GST 600

Topic 1

Teaching and Pedagogy – the committee tabled discussion of pedagogy-related modules.

Question: How big of a role will (should) ROMEA play in GST 600?

Topic 2

Library Services – Since Library Services already has a well-established program for new faculty, the committee questioned the possibility of including the library’s program with the other GST 600 activities. David Salinero agreed to discuss this matter with Jeff Slagell, Director of Library Services.

Topic 3

Writing Center – Could the writing center be included along with the WAC component? The committee left this topic undecided.

Topic 4

Campus Tour – Members agreed that a formal campus tour would be a good way to begin the seminar. Although everyone agreed that the tour should occur before the semester began, a firm date was not set.

Topic 5

Human Resources – The committee decided to invite Lisa Giger to a future SEC meeting to determine what HR could (does) do for new faculty.

Other Topics Discussed

- ♦ Will there be a “first day” of activities introducing GST 600, the SEC, and student engagement?
- ♦ One social event should be set up to introduce new faculty to the previous year’s new faculty.
- ♦ All efforts should show some connection with student engagement and faculty retention.
- ♦ All new faculty should receive an introductory packet which would include the following material: general letter welcoming new faculty to DSU and introducing the semester’s events, HR material, university and community-related literature, and housing information.
- ♦ Members questioned the importance of having a pre-survey. Instead, more attention should be given to a post-survey.
- ♦ David Salinero agreed to type an outline of the events as the committee has discussed them so far. These items include:
 - Introductory Packet
 - First Week of Activities
 - Campus Tour
 - HR Information
 - Service Learning
 - Advising
 - Tenure
 - Writing Across the Curriculum
 - History and Culture of the Delta
 - Library Services
 - Teaching and Pedagogy