

Delta State University
Student Engagement Committee
Wednesday March 7, 2007

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

Meeting Time: 3:00-4:30

Minutes

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 27th meeting.

Funding Request

The committee considered a funding request for a podcast workshop to be hosted by Mark Snyder on March 22nd. After some discussion on the committee's funding status, members unanimously agreed to provide \$500.00 for some of the workshop's expenses.

Chair Hankins mentioned that this event would count as a QEP-related college specific event.

QEP Steering Committee

The next QEP Steering Committee meeting was set for March 27 at 3:00. Dr. Starkey suggested having the meeting in Union 302A.

Considering SEC's vision of the connection between GST 600 and GST 100, Elise Jenkins asked if Richard Houston should serve on the steering committee. Chair Hankins took it under advisement.

Elise Jenkins also asked if there should be student participation since they served on the original steering committee.

GST 600 Issues

- Academic Council has not approved the GST 600 course yet.
- Although faculty will not have to enroll themselves in the GST 600 course, their enrollment status will be dependent on their explicit approval of participating in the course. This acceptance can be recorded on the cards that will be sent in their packets.
- To supplement the course of activities, SEC will plan on providing a "menu of recommendations" to enhance new faculty members' experience. These recommendations will include topics such as grant writing, ROMEA, and the Faculty Technology Institute.
- Workplace harassment will be added to the list of GST modules.
- Should diversity be included as an area of concern?
- Chair Hankins reiterated that funds generated from the course will be used for a new faculty development fund for those who successfully complete GST 600. All applicants must show how their project will support student engagement efforts. For application and approval

procedures, Dr. Starkey suggested that the SEC follow the template that Academic Affairs uses for the Kent and Janice Wyatt Fund. *The committee still needs to create guidelines for the fund.*

Meeting with Dr. Thornell

Chair Hankins and Dr. Starkey reported that they will meet with Dr. Thornell to discuss the future of SEC, specifically whether or not the current membership will serve an additional year. Additionally, a decision must be made regarding who will run GST 600. Will a new position be created, or will governance be placed with an already existing position?