

Delta State University
Student Engagement Committee
Wednesday March 20, 2007

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

Absent: Paul Starkey

Meeting Time: 3:00-4:15

Minutes

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the March 7th, 2007 meeting.

Meeting between Dr. Thornell and Chair Hankins

Dr. Thornell agrees that GST 600 needs to be administered outside of the SEC and will communicate this to Dr. Hilpert. The committee believes that Academic Affairs is best suited to house the program.

WAC

The committee discussed how to increase the potency of the WAC committee and compared its inactivity to the relative success of the service learning initiatives. Members questioned how to “give the committee some legs.” With the high premium placed on collegiate writing, WAC, or some other body, must be championed in order to improve writing skills across campus.

Mentoring

Although all members reported that most departments placed a high value on the concept of mentoring, no department has an institutionalized program for it. The committee agreed that, at the least, mentors should be assigned to shepherd the tenure/promotion process. Chair Hankins reminded everyone that mentoring is a QEP requirement for adjuncts.

Workplace Harassment

Members discussed whether or not workplace harassment should be included in GST 600 since that topic possesses no strong ties to student engagement.

Review of Timeline

- The assignment of faculty mentors for tenure/promotion will be added to the timeline.
- A due date will be included for when cards should be returned by new faculty.
- The committee divided the primary topics to discuss with potential presenters their level of interest in the project and a suitable time for presentation.
 - Elise Jenkins – service learning and history of the Delta
 - David Hebert – Tenure/promotion
 - Corlis Snow – Advising

- David Salinero – Library Services
- Paul Hankins – Writing Across the Curriculum

NSSE

Elise Jenkins reported that the NSSE response rate is still under 6%.

Other Topics

- Elise Jenkins reported that she found a student to assist the development of the HR web site.
- Rori Herbison is working on the development of official SEC letterhead. A consistent symbol for the committee will forge an identity and provide continuity for those who receive SEC-related literature.