Delta State University  
Student Engagement Committee  
August 22, 2007

Present: S. Drury, M. Jones, E. Jenkins, D. Hebert, D. Salinero, B. Moon  
Absent: Y. Kobayashi  
Meeting Time: 2:30-3:30

**Delta Tour**

David Hebert reported that he had received affirmative responses from nine new faculty. While he planned to send out another email reminder, individual committee members agreed to remind any new faculty in their respective areas. Beverly Moon reported that several members of Academic Council and the Cabinet agreed to attend lunch with the touring group. Hebert will send a final headcount to Luther Brown, the coordinator of the tour.

Without any objections, the committee agreed to pay approximately $620 for the tour. This included $320 for lunch, $150 for tour packets, and $150 for the bus fee.

**2007 ROMEA Conference**

Hebert introduced a request from Lynn Byrd for underwriting support of this year’s conference. After a brief recap of the committee’s activities in the 2006 ROMEA conference, the committee agreed to underwrite the conference as well as moderate sessions if necessary.

Hebert will find out from either Paul Starkey or Paul Hankins how much financial support the committee gave last year.

Elise Jenkins suggested that the committee could set up a poster presentation near the registration table (or another conspicuous location). Along with SEC’s background and GST 600’s establishment, pictures from the Delta tour (and possibly other SEC events) could be presented to illustrate what is actually happening during the course.

**Library Services**

Hebert will prepare an email to send new faculty regarding next week’s library orientations. David Salinero mentioned that Jeff Slagell had stipulated in years past that receipt of the new faculty funds was available only to the faculty members who attended the orientations. Salinero agreed to confirm whether this practice would be continued this year.

**New Faculty Development Funds**

The committee agreed that new faculty had to attend at least four of the six on-campus sessions to be eligible for the new faculty development funds. Hebert mentioned that the participants should also receive a certificate of completion or other such recognition for taking GST 600.
Miscellaneous

- Salinero agreed to continue serving as secretary.
- Moon recommended that the committee create a standard operating procedure and document everything that we do or plan to do. The committee also liked the idea of creating a consistent calendar to mark all SEC-related activities.
- Salinero agreed to acquire an electronic copy of the new faculty fund proposal that Corlis Snow drafted in the spring.
- Monica Jones alerted the committee about a service learning seminar hosted by USM.
- Moon inquired about any tax liability involved with taking the graduate level GST 600. The committee had not previously entertained this idea and was unaware of any issues. Moon will follow up and report.
- The committee discussed NSSE/FSSE, its purpose, application, and schedule. The next NSSE is not scheduled until 2010.

The next meeting was set for August 29th at 2:30.