Future GST Sessions

Hebert reported on his conversations with Diane Blansett and John Elliot about their upcoming presentations. Mrs. Blansett is ready to present information on the Academic Support Lab and advisement for 099 classes. John Elliot has a scheduling conflict and will present his material at a later date.

Email Address

Hebert announced that he set up an institutional email address for the SEC Committee: studentengagement@deltastate.edu. It will be added to the SEC web page.

SEC Calendar

Hebert reported that he and Salinero created a Gmail account and set up a calendar for the SEC to review. After seeing the calendar (later in the meeting), SEC members felt that it could fulfill the committee’s needs.

Talk turned to the university calendar and its unwieldy ways: hard to navigate; hard to find pertinent information; unable to filter out irrelevant items.

Still agreeing that there is a need for a separate and *global* “engagement” calendar, members discussed how and by whom this new calendar will be updated. Each SEC member will probably be responsible for relevant calendar updates.

The committee did not like the idea of creating global email postings since many current mailings get ignored.

Hebert announced that he would soon begin serving on the university’s web oversight committee. In addition to giving the university web pages some much needed revisions, this opportunity may provide an avenue for creating multiple access points to the SEC calendar throughout the DSU web site.

SEC’s Other Goal

Hebert encouraged the committee to begin thinking about the SEC’s second original goal of creating a “cycle of engagement” where faculty who complete GST 600 would then become mentors in GST 100, a vehicle for student engagement. Moon brought up two points:

1. How do we get the new faculty (GST 600 “graduates”) interested in participating?
2. To avoid confusion and uneasiness, new mentors should be paired with an experienced faculty or staff member who has already served as a mentor.
The committee then reviewed the purpose and goals of GST 100 and discussed ways of achieving SEC’s “cycle of engagement” goal: The first solution was to contact Richard Houston to get his input. Jenkins and Drury will follow up with Dr. Houston.

GST 600 “Drops”

Moon reported that six new faculty either dropped or had been dropped from the GST 600 roll. She will investigate and report to the committee.

*The next meeting was set for October 8th.*