

Delta State University
Student Engagement Committee
Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Present: Corlis Snow, David Salinero, Paul Hankins, Greg Hospodor (Chair), and David Hebert
Absent: Elise Jenkins and Paul Starkey
Meeting Time: 3:00-4:15

Review of Orientation Plans

Committee members submitted three new-faculty orientation models for the group to review. Two models represented an extended semester-long orientation, while the last one centered on a frontloaded approach. The rest of the meeting was spent debating the pros and cons of each model. At the heart of the discussion, two questions arose: Which topics are essential for the orientation? How much time is needed for each topic?

The committee never reached a consensus.

Members discussed the idea of creating and distributing a survey to recent new faculty in order to gauge their take on two primary concerns: 1.) Which sketched model was most appealing to them? and 2.) What topics would they most like to have covered during a new faculty orientation? Dr. Hebert agreed to draft a survey for the committee's perusal at the next meeting.

Instead of a survey, some members suggested creating a focus group.

Other points of interest:

- ♦ Dr. Hospodor related that the faculty retention task force was very supportive of a new faculty orientation.
- ♦ A comprehensive calendar should be created to document all Delta State activities.
- ♦ Along with the orientation, an extensive packet should be created for new faculty as an additional resource.