

Delta State University  
Student Engagement Committee  
Wednesday, November 1, 2006

Present: Corlis Snow, David Salinero, Paul Hankins, Elise Jenkins, David Hebert, and Greg Hospodor (Chair)

Absent: Paul Starkey

Meeting Time: 3:30-4:30

### **Vote on the Action Plan**

In an email prior to the meeting, Dr. Hebert called for a vote on accepting the following items:

1. The committee would accept the “Utah” action plan without any substantive changes.
2. Some version of the semester-long timelines should be accepted.
3. It is understood that while some of these sessions will be optional, the orientation should be mandatory.

A motion was made to vote on all three items. The motion was seconded. The vote was 4 to 1 in favor of accepting the entire plan. Dr. Hospodor provided the only dissenting vote.

### **First Year Experience**

Elise Jenkins reported on her meeting with Richard Houston. Below is a bulleted summary of the views expressed in that meeting:

- Dr. Houston believes that an increased academic component would effectively kill the GST course. (Since GST courses are partially run by staff mentors, how would an increased academic component affect their participation?)
- The course should stay optional.
- The course will soon be called *Delta Discovery*.
- The original language of “revamping” or “remodeling” that the committee used in the action plan may be too strong.

### **Additional Questions and Comments Regarding the Action Plan**

- Should the plan include the option of having a day-long introductory session?
- Should a cover letter be included to provide an overview of the rationale and concepts included in the plan?
- The committee will need to make minor adjustments to the plan’s comments on the first year experience and the committee’s involvement.
- David Salinero agreed to edit the plan to provide some consistency throughout the document.

### **NSSE**

Elise Jenkins reported that NSSE is on track to be given to freshmen and seniors as a web-only survey in the Spring of 2007. OIT is working on creating a population base.

## **Dr. Hospodor**

- Dr. Hopsodor related that the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee was going to meet on November 2<sup>nd</sup> - the first time in over a year.
- He also recently met with the Faculty Retention Committee on October 31<sup>st</sup> and relayed their interest in a faculty orientation program.
- Due to his philosophical differences with the committee's direction, Dr. Hospodor announced that he was stepping down as chair effective immediately.