

Delta State University
Student Engagement Committee
Wednesday, September 6, 2006

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

Absent: Paul Starkey

Meeting Time: 3:30-4:30

SEC Timeline

Dr. Hospodor began the meeting by discussing the importance of closely following the timeline that the SEC constructed at the Greater Expectations Institute (see Appendix I). With the committee facing many important deadlines, staying on track with the timeline is vital. Dr. Hospodor said that he would speak with Dr. Thornell in regard to gaining approval for the SEC plan. Members agreed to think about which area that they would like to pursue (faculty orientations or the first-year experience).

Jargon

Dr. Hospodor stressed the need for the committee to communicate to the university in plainly spoken terms and avoid jargon when possible. Others commented that certain phrases, such as “student engagement,” were key terms and this committee should create opportunities to educate colleagues when necessary.

ROMEIA

After planning an introduction to the SEC workshop at ROMEIA, Dr. Hospodor concluded that it might not be a good idea to unfold the entire SEC plan at this session; instead, we should focus on the ample faculty development material that we have.

Waiting to present new first-year initiatives will allow the committee to make a more concentrated and powerful presentation on faculty development and will also give us time to involve all parties on the student activities before “going public.”

The committee hopes that the ROMEIA workshop will act as a focus group where we can test our faculty orientation ideas.

For the next meeting, Dr. Hospodor charged members with the task of reading the Action Plan and choosing which orientation ideas should be highlighted during the ROMEIA workshop (e.g. faculty retention, DSU as place, or faculty club)

The committee agreed to meet at 2:00 P.M. on Sep. 13.

(Appendix I)

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Action Plan Time Line

Action	Who	When
Gain Approval of Provost and Academic Council for Faculty Orientation/Development and First-Year Experience	SEC	August 2006
Faculty Orientation & Development		
Identify constituents	SEC	Fall 2006
Develop Curriculum – Materials and Resources	SEC & Constituents	By Jan 2007
Determine Module Instructors	SEC/Constituents	By Jan 2007
Train Module Instructors	Content Experts	March 2007
Invite Participation of Current Faculty	SEC	April 2007
Determine/Invite New Faculty	SEC	June 2007
Kick-off	President & Provost	Sept 2007
Delivery of Pilot Program	Module Instructors	Fall 2007/ Spring 2008
Assessment of Modules	IR&P	Fall 2007/ Spring 2008
Assessment of Pilot Program	IR&P	Spring 2008
Revisions for Next Cycle	SEC & Constituents	June 2008
Emerging Scholars/First-Year Experience Program		
Identify constituents	SEC	Fall 2006
Develop Curriculum – Materials and Resources	SEC & Constituents	By Jan 2007
Determine Course Instructors	SEC/Constituents	By Jan 2007
Train Course Instructors	Content Experts	March 2007
Kick-off Freshman/Transfer Convocation	President & Provost	Sept 2007
Delivery of Pilot Course	Module Instructors	Fall 2007/ Spring 2008
Assessment of Pilot Course	IR&P	Fall 2007/ Spring 2008
Revisions for Next Cycle	SEC & Constituents(Course Instructors)	June 2008