

Delta State University
Student Engagement Committee
Wednesday, September 13, 2006

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

Absent: Elise Jenkins

Meeting Time: 2:00-4:00

Quick Hits

Dr. Hospodor passed out copies of *Quick Hits*, the book that will be presented to all attendees at the SEC's ROMEA workshop.

Recap of Action Plan

The committee discussed its future involvement in prior SEC initiatives such as Writing Across the Curriculum and service learning. We decided that our role should be to encourage and support these efforts in various ways, but our involvement should not be time intensive. Primarily, we should act as catalysts to promote the integration and continuity of said initiatives.

First Year Experience

Seeing how much coordination and planning would be involved with retooling the First Year Experience, the committee considered changing the action plan to allow for more time.

Questions considered:

Who would be involved in the retooling process?

Would this be a for-credit course?

Who will help develop the course?

Will the nature of the course be substantially changed?

Will the new faculty be the mentors?

Will the retooling alienate current mentors?

Action Plan

Dr. Starkey remarked that the action plan created at the Great Expectations Institute should be polished and submitted to Academic Council. The Council's seal of approval will help garner university-wide support. Dr. Hospodor agreed to revise the document.

ROME A

The committee hammered out a working outline for the ROMEA workshop found below:

I. Introduction – Stuff You Don't Know (G. Hospodor)

II. We Will Tell You

A. Handbook/Policies/Roll/Tenure (D. Hebert)

B. Advising (C. Snow)

C. Library (D. Salinero)

D. Facilities/Sports (G. Hospodor)

E. Social Opportunities (E. Jenkins)

III. Feedback/Focus Group/Ideas from Participants based on personal experiences