Present: Paul Hankins (Chair), Lynn Byrd, Barry Campbell, Jennie Gunn, Elaine Lambert. Paul Starkey, and Darlene Crone-Todd.

Absent: None.

The meeting of the Student Engagement Committee was called to order at 3:20 p.m. on January 10, 2006, in Bailey 200 on the DSU campus. Minutes from the previous meeting held on November 29, 2005 were read and approved unanimously. The November 29 minutes will be added to the SEC website.

Announcement

The QEP Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room in Kent Wyatt Hall. All members of the QEP Steering Committee are listed on the SEC website (http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/1913.asp) and are expected to attend. Agenda items for the meeting will include the following:

1. QEP Timeline – Paul Hankins, SEC Chair
2. Update on NSSE and FSSE – Elise Jenkins
3. Progress report on integrating technology across the university campus
   a. Glenn Trammel, CIO, Office of Information Technology
   b. Felix Rizvanov, Director, Teaching and Learning Center
4. Report from the Teaching Excellence Committee – Karen Fosheim
5. Academic Excellence Week

Academic Excellence Week

The week of April 10, 2006 has been designated Academic Excellence Week. In the weeks to come, the SEC needs to develop an agenda of topics to be covered during the panel discussion. Shown below is a table of activities that will be hosted by the Student Engagement Committee during the first two days of Academic Excellence Week. Darlene Crone-Todd suggested that members of the QEP Steering Committee should be included in developing the agenda items.

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<td>Tuesday, April 11</td>
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The SEC will send an announcement in February to encourage faculty participation in the community-based learning event. In March, details will be sent to remind faculty of the upcoming. After Spring Break, a reminder will be sent through Dr. John Thornell’s electronic newsletter.

**Community-based Service**

Luther Brown has asked the SEC to partner with him in sponsoring a break-away course that will help student’s enhance their leadership skills in different academic areas (ex. management, education, healthcare). Paul Hankins will talk with Luther and find out exactly what he needs the SEC to do.

**Collegis Executive Retreat II**

The SEC will meet with Dr. Bill Graves at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. Dr. Graves will share ideas of different technology uses that can be implemented to enhance student learning.

**QEP Timeline**

The SEC needs to carefully review the Quality Enhancement Plan to ensure that DSU is on target with all items listed in the timeline. Academic deans and chairs need to encourage faculty to document all technology uses in their course syllabi. Goal 2 of the Quality Enhancement Plan states that 25% of undergrad and 30% of graduate courses should have incorporated some use of advanced technology in their courses by the end of the spring 2006 semester.

A question concerning web-based performance feedback should be added to the QEP Survey that will be administered in the spring 2006 semester.

**Student Engagement Champions**

SEC Champions need to research and find at least two possible conferences that are student engagement related. Two possible conferences are listed below:

- The Teaching Professor will be held in Nashville, TN on May 19-20, 2006.
- The American Association of Colleges and Universities Conference is scheduled for April 2006.

**Additional Items**

- SEC should start preparing for the end of semester meeting with Dr. John Thornell.
- Academic deans need to choose the Student Engagement Champions for the 2005-2006 academic year.

The next SEC meeting will be held with the QEP Steering Committee on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room in Kent Wyatt Hall. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Byrd