

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Student Engagement Committee
January 24, 2005

The SEC meeting was held on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Bailey 202. Members present were Darlene Crone-Todd, Jan Cooper, Luther Brown, Alan Barton, and Bill Spencer.

Minutes of the January 11, 2005 meeting were approved as read. Bill Spencer reported that computers have been ordered for the office and should be delivered very soon. The telephone will not be connected for two to three weeks.

Discussion was held on SEC responsibilities for spring 2005. The timeline should be reviewed prior to the next meeting in order to make priorities and commitments for completion. The group discussed ideas for college-specific workshops which should be held during the current semester. One area of focus for SEC is writing. Students need to understand the value and importance of writing in the business world. Suggestions included inviting business leaders, employers, and/or alumna to share this importance in their fields of work. Students should be invited to hear these guest speakers. Writing intensive courses could be required in each discipline with an enrollment cap or a campus-wide page requirement could be set. These are ideas which need to be discussed with the deans.

SEC will co-sponsor the Writing Forum which will be held February 17-18, 2005. Alan will email the tentative schedule of meetings for each of us to share with our deans. Faculty members should be required to attend some of these meetings and should encourage students to attend the Thursday evening meeting. SEC will have time set aside to meet with the visiting consultants.

Questions arose regarding the need for weekly meetings. It is determined that these meetings are necessary if we are going to accomplish our commitment during the current semester. Regarding the spring survey, Luther will check on requirements for the use of NSSE surveys/materials. Before the next meeting, Darlene asks each member to:

- ▲ Review the timeline
- ▲ Make suggestions on how to prioritize/accomplish our responsibilities
- ▲ Review the QEP questionnaire/compare it to the SACS visiting team report/suggestions.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 31 at 9:00 a.m. in our Bailey office. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Cooper
Secretary