Present: Paul Hankins (Chair), Barry Campbell, Jennie Gunn, Elaine Lambert, Paul Starkey.

Absent: Lynn Byrd.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Student Engagement Committee was called to order at 3:15 PM on 1/24/2006 in Bailey 200 on the DSU campus. Minutes from the meeting on 1/17/2006 were passed around and approved.

Items Discussed

Article from 1/6/2006 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education
Reflection on joint meeting with QEP
Technology statement in syllabuses
SEC support solicited for Alternative Spring Break
Upcoming SEC community engagement activities in April
Reminder of upcoming meeting with Dr. Bill Graves
Recommendation on travel for next year’s SEC
More discussion of April activities

Detailed Discussion

Article from 1/6/2006 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education

Paul Starkey passed out copies of an article, “A Very Long Disengagement”, by Mark Bauerlein, from the 1/6/2006 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education. The article presents some interesting information pertaining to the ways that today’s students are becoming more and more disengaged from academic pursuits.

Reflection on joint meeting with the QEP

Regarding the joint SEC/QEP Steering Committee meeting held on 1/17/2006, Paul Hankins asked SEC members for feedback about the gathering, questioning whether or not there was sufficient representation of the DSU faculty. Elaine Lambert asked about the duration of QEP’s existence; Paul Starkey responded by mentioning that, although the DSU QEP obligations to SACS end in five years, the commitment to improving student engagement in learning will continue. Additional discussion concerning the future applications of institutional assessment and assessment data for use with SACS was conducted. Paul Hankins asked about the role that deans currently play in QEP, and Paul
Starkey provided insight into the roles of deans in QEP. At this point in time, Paul Hankins requested that we table further discussion pertaining to QEP in order to move on to other business.

**Technology statement in syllabuses**

As a spin-off of the discussion concerning QEP and the roles of deans in QEP activities, Jenny Gunn asked for clarification of the nature of the technology statement to be inserted into syllabuses as part of our QEP goals. Paul Starkey explained the need for technology assessment, and Paul Hankins reminded the group about the need for some sort of measure in Fall, 2006.

**SEC support solicited for Alternative Spring Break**

Paul Hankins mentioned that the SEC had received information from Luther Brown concerning DSU’s participation in the Alternative Spring Break program. An e-mail reply had been sent by Paul Hankins to Luther Brown asking for more information about what was desired of the SEC concerning this matter.

**Upcoming SEC community engagement activities in April**

Paul Starkey mentioned that Dr. Hilpert wanted to know more precisely what the SEC’s expectations were of the presidential address to be given as part of the student engagement activities in April. Some of the logistics of the talk were discussed. A request from Mark Bonta, asking to be kept apprised of the April scheduling, was passed on to the committee. Paul Hankins asked for SEC members to decide on a name for the April events pertaining to student engagement, and some ideas were tossed about.

**Reminder of upcoming meeting with Dr. Bill Graves**

SEC members were reminded by Paul Starkey of the upcoming discussion (10:00 AM, Feb. 1, 2006, in the Jacob Conference Center) with Dr. Bill Graves, Sungard-Collegis. Paul Starkey reminded SEC members that the Q&A session following at 11:00 AM is co-sponsored by the SEC.

**Recommendation on travel for next year’s SEC**

A flyer concerning the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ “Great Expectations Institute”, June 21-25, 2006, in Snowbird, Utah, was distributed to SEC members. A discussion concerning conference/meeting recommendations for next year’s SEC members followed. This year’s SEC members agreed that attending such a program prior to the SEC member’s year of service would maximize the value of to DSU of participation in such activities.
More discussion of April activities

Some questions about the logistics of April’s events were raised by Paul Hankins. The sizes and availabilities of rooms in Ewing were discussed. Elaine Lambert mentioned that she would discuss some of these needs with the appropriate people in Ewing Hall. Paul Hankins mentioned that the nuts and bolts of the April events would be discussed in more detail at the next SEC meeting.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The next SEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at 3:15 P.M., in Bailey 200.

Respectfully submitted,

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