

**DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Student Engagement Committee**  
February 21, 2005

The SEC meeting was held on Monday, February 21, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Bailey 200. Members present were Darlene Crone-Todd, Jan Cooper, Alan Barton, and Bill Spencer.

Minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting were approved as read. Discussion was held concerning various points of the Writing Seminar held last week. Overall, the workshop sessions and speakers were excellent. Attendance appeared to be adequate; however, concerns were made regarding communication gaps and it was suggested that for future events, publicity needs to be increased, if possible. The SEC recommends that the University purchase books written by Chris Thaiss and Terry Zawacki.

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Implementing and sustaining a Writing Across the Curriculum Program at Delta State will take extensive time and effort. The SEC discussed the need for a WAC Director to be secured with release time given each semester; or the SEC program director could be given double release time with the understanding that he/she takes the responsibility of overseeing such QEP initiatives. This would give more credibility to endorsing a "writing across the curriculum" program on the Delta State University campus. Since all members of the SEC were not present, it was decided that this decision be tabled until the next meeting.

Alan will send a request across campus for evaluation comments concerning this recent seminar. Several students were involved in the activities that took place and made favorable comments. Involvement of students creates additional interest in

pursuing goals. The SEC makes the suggestion to include students in future events held on campus.

The suggestion was made to add an additional Student Engagement Champion from Library Services. After discussing this possibility, Alan suggested that he thinks the library personnel do a great job with few resources. The SEC endorses this idea and would welcome another member if that individual could commit  $\frac{1}{4}$  of his/her time to the goals of this committee.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, at 9:00 a.m. in our Bailey office. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Cooper  
Secretary