

**DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT CHAMPIONS
MINUTES: July 27, 04**

Present: Darlene Crone-Todd, Luther Brown, Luther Brown, Alan Barton, Marion Raines

May 17, 2004, June 30, 2004, and July 21, 2004 minutes approved as amended with editorials.

Members discussed the tie between GST classes, student affairs, and student engagement as being one place to begin our work. There is still a need to talk with Dr. Blansett about a space for the SEC to work and keep permanent records.

The Delta State University homepage is an issue that also needs to be addressed regarding advisement and recruitment. Work needs to be done to make this site more “user friendly” for prospective students.

As directed by Dr. Spencer, the Suggestions for Enhancement, page 23 of attachment “A” were ranked by SEC members attending this meeting. Results were as follows:

- #1 Multiple methods and sources of assessment information.**
- #5a Consider increasing survey sample size via local administration of the NSSE.**
- #2, 3, 5 Consider the addition of faculty-student interaction and technology use items; Technology use and communication skills; Consider administering the faculty survey of student engagement..**
- #5b & c Consider an additional institutional comparison group; Consider a criterion-referenced approach in interpretation NSSE outcomes.**
- #4 Consider a more formal review of survey implementation by an institutional review board (IRB). *There was discussion that this would be a way to measure student learning by referencing student outcomes against NSSE responses. However, 2 members felt strongly that it was important for the students to be assured that they would remain anonymous.***
- #5f Consider adding objective indicators of engagement to validate student perceptions. *The SEC would encourage departments to annually justify how unit specific objectives were met with quantitative and qualitative indicators for validation. The committee recommended that #5d be left to the consideration of each department if they choose to be involved in this process.***
- #5g Consider administering the NSSE locally to cohort groups for longitudinal analysis. *The committee feels this is not important to do and believes this will be overtesting and may affect results.***
- #6a & b Consider revising the selection of student engagement items; Consider revising the response options made available. *The committee would like to use the NSSE survey exclusively and not use the QEP student survey at all.***

Discussion continued regarding institutional learning outcomes. The list

of concepts discussed during the July 21, 2004 meeting was not intended to be all inclusive. Dr. Crone-Todd requested that Dr. Brown e-mail information he has related to the objectives.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

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