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Special Projects/Requests

After consulting with the Senate Executive Committee, it was determined that the following three items were of vital interest to both the Senate and DSU faculty.

Faculty Senate-sponsored campus-wide seminars or forums on timely issues such as Tenure and Promotion, legal rights and responsibilities of faculty, construct of a university budget. We anticipate bringing speakers to the campus to facilitate the flow of information on these and other topics pertinent to faculty. There is the general sense of, and an appreciation for, permission to pursue such types of knowledge and to create open dialogue among ourselves as a university body.

A center for teaching effectiveness would be beneficial to all faculty; we see it as a primary need for a university whose primary mission is teaching. Additionally, such a center would be an invaluable resource for probationary faculty and for those undergoing a post-tenure review developmental plan (provided that this will be a component in the soon-to-be-developed PTR). It will be incumbent on the university to aid faculty - to strengthen their performance in the classroom - as we institute policy changes for Pre-Tenure Review, Tenure Review, and Post-Tenure Review.

Finally, a pragmatic request: in the past, the Senate Chair has had an office in the library. It would be beneficial if such a space could again be made available and outfitted with telephone, computer, and printer. The files and other books/materials would be centralized for each succeeding chair, and posting regular office hours would create a structured schedule for those wishing to conduct Senate business.

Respectfully submitted,

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Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC)
Detachment 434
at
Delta State University

- PURPOSE: To provide a program assessment and strategy for continued success

- DISCUSSION

--- Activities

--- Color Guard (athletic, university and community events)
--- Refreshment sales (10% profit margin) for home football games
--- Center of Influence (COI) presentation each semester and summer for recruiting
--- Leadership training (event planning, empowerment of students, accountability
  assessment, evaluation in leadership roles, speaking and writing requirements, etc.)
--- Annual Air Show attendance
--- Base visit to a select base throughout the U.S. during the spring semester
--- Formal Dining-In/Dining-Out
--- Scholarships, Room & Board waivers, and Awards
--- Physical fitness training
--- Emphasis on academic excellence
--- Follow-up on leads from university recruiting office

--- Where we are now

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Future

(1) University Goal: Establish an enrollment management program
   AFROTC Goals:
   -- Increase student enrollment through more target/department specific recruiting
   -- Increase retention efforts to keep students for until graduation and commissioning
   -- Develop an exit survey to capture students’ rationale for leaving our program

(2) University Goal: Improve the university’s ability to be a diverse community
   AFROTC Goals:
   -- Ensure student continued participation (as Color Guard) in community events
   -- Continue providing formal military events where university officials participate

(3) University Goal: Seek ways to enhance student life on campus
   AFROTC Goals:
   -- Arrange an annual spring semester picnic
   -- Establish a computer lab with web access for students
   -- Increase student activities (pizza night, cookouts, movie night, etc.) to support recruiting and retention

(4) University Goal: Strengthen the university’s honors program
   AFROTC Goals:
   -- Provide nominees from AFROTC as honors recipients
   -- Participate in honors convocation

(5) University Goal: Beautify the campus
   AFROTC Goal:
   -- Replace the carpet and furniture in office and classroom areas

- BOTTOM LINE: AFROTC remains vital in this area. It affords opportunities for careers throughout the world. We’re turning your college students into future United States Air Force leaders. Thanks for your support and the opportunity to serve at and with Delta State University.

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