

Strategic Planning Committee

Minutes

April 13, 2009

I. Call to Order

Dr. Titsworth called to order the second meeting of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee at 3:00 p.m., April 24, 2009, in Conference Room A in the Student Services Center.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Tobie Titsworth, Richard Beck, Linda Andrews, Alan Lawless, Carolyn Taylor, Gary Moeller, Sherry Alexander, Bill Beierschmitt, Danette Boyle, Ray Brown, Tom Volturo, Julie Rampey, Wren Baker, Myra Haulmark, Brian Reeves, Frank Elwell, Keith Martin, Bruce Garrison, Bert Tollison, Jacklyn Jaggars, Michael Wells, Ashley Dick, and Ronna Hatley.

III. Mission Statement Review

The floor was given to Professor Gary Moeller and Dr. Carolyn Taylor. Prof. Moeller began by saying that the mission statement on the website is incorrect. The purposes which support the RSU Mission Statement are missing. Each member of the committee was given a copy of the old mission statement and the new proposed statement. Dr. Taylor said the document needed to be consistent. Discussion followed by making changes to the wording and it was decided that the purposes would be called commitments. Changes were made as follows:

Our Mission

Our mission is to equip students with the skills required to achieve professional and personal goals in dynamic local and global communities and to provide traditional and innovative learning opportunities while maintaining a commitment to excellence in teaching, student service, and community enrichment.

Proposed:

Our mission is to ensure students develop the skills and knowledge required to achieve professional and personal goals in dynamic local and global communities.

1. First proposal:

To provide associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree opportunities and educational experiences for traditional and nontraditional students.

Second Proposal:

To provide quality associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree opportunities and educational experiences for traditional and nontraditional students.

2. First proposal:

To promote an atmosphere of safety and respect for diverse expression.

Second proposal:

To provide an environment of safety and respect for diverse expression that advances social responsibility.

3. First proposal:

To promote an atmosphere of academic freedom for all members of the University community.

Accepted

4. First proposal:

To foster student competence emphasizing qualitative as well as quantitative skills in written and oral communications, in scientific reasoning, and in critical thinking.

Second proposal:

To foster student competence in oral and written communications, scientific reasoning, and critical thinking that emphasizes qualitative as well as quantitative skills.

5. New proposal:

To provide a broad general arts and science education that supports specialized academic programs and prepares students for lifelong learning and service in a diverse society.

6. First proposal:

To provide student with a diverse, innovative faculty dedicated to excellence in teaching and to high academic standards.

Second proposal:

To provide students with a diverse, innovative faculty dedicated to excellence in teaching, to continuous improvement of programs, and to high academic standards.

7. Proposal:

To promote and encourage student, faculty, staff and community interaction in a positive academic climate.

8. Proposal:

To provide University-wide student services, activities, and resources that complement academic programs.

9. Proposal:

To create opportunities for cultural, intellectual, and personal enrichment for the University and the communities it serves.

IV. Timeline

Dr. Titsworth had everyone look at the timeline. The changes made to the mission statement would be sent to Faculty Senate, Academic Counsel, SGA and others for review. Their recommendations would be sent to Dr. Beck and Dr. Titsworth and then sent to Professor Moeller and Dr. Taylor. They would then take the recommendations to their committee and have another draft for the next meeting.

V. Set Date, Time, Place of next meeting

Dr. Titsworth reminded the committee that the next meeting was scheduled for April 27 at 3:00 in Conference Room A.

IX Adjournment

Dr. Titsworth adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ronna Hatley

Minutes approved by: Dr. Titsworth