

Academic Planning Steering Committee

December 7th at 9:00 am

Present: Lindsay Fullerton, Bill Byrnes, Christine Frezza, Gerald Calvasina, Scott Lanning, Megan Lloyd, Karl Stevens, Artis Grady, Kurt Harris, Kim Craft, Deb Hill, Patrick Clarke, Bruce Tebbs

Excused: Sarah Brown

I. **Agenda Review**

- Bill Byrnes reviewed the meeting objectives and discussed meeting times. He also announced the Open Forums that will run on Thursday and Friday. These are being publicized through the deans & chairs, on the website, and a large banner will be placed in the Sharwan Smith Center.

II. **Review of Mission and Vision**

- Bill rewrote the proposed mission. The restructuring was based on getting to the most important information first. Also language was added for the graduate and professional programs.
 - Concerns included the word “comprehensive”. The committee was concerned that we are supposed to be getting away from that since we aren’t a comprehensive regional, but it is being used as the kind of education. Debate ensued.
 - Leadership was added to the list of integrity & empathy.
 - Concern about the last sentence just recognizing the vibrant arts community – leaving out the sciences.
 - “Bioregion” was taken off because it was coined by another university so we are using a different phrase.
 - Grammatical corrections.
 - Core themes discussion
 - In the Community & Social Responsibility theme: take out “question” and replace with “thoughtful exploration.”
 - Still need to tap into the experiential learning.
 - Most of language of core themes is on track with what we currently have.
 - The committee wanted to find another word/phrase to replace “highly qualified” faculty.
 - Grammatical corrections.
 - We need to be able to produce assessment indicators showing that we can back up the claims in our core themes.

- Involvement and personal growth – delete ‘caring’ so it just says “responsible members of society.

III. **Reports by Focus Groups**

- **Faculty Development**– Complete white paper turned in with ideas and suggestions for the future.
- **Faculty Workload**- This committee has not created their white paper at this point. They discussed current facts and ideas based on the reality and what needs to happen. This committee might try to put together a database of all the ways workload is assigned and how it happens. Detail what committees meet how often, requirements, etc. They realized a change needs to occur in policy 6.1 to make workload more even rather than leaving the discretion up to the department level.
- **Interdisciplinary** – Complete white paper turned in with ideas and suggestions for the future.
- **Online education** – This committee has not created their white paper at this point. They have been gathering data and discussion has revolved around the following: If we are seeking a new distinction then online needs to follow this. Most online is in GE category. If we want to develop that then we need programs that will be completely online. Funding – no dollar amount, but right now the budget is fixed for online instruction. We could come up with a new funding model which requires students to pay more for online instruction. If we do that, then the student is responsible to cover their online costs. The chair is still gathering feedback on the above discussion and will produce a white paper based on the results.

IV. **Timetable & Tasks Review – Item not addressed**

V. **Next Steps – Item not addressed**

VI. **Next meeting/Future Meeting Times**

- The next meeting was set tentatively for January 6th at 3:00 pm.