

Academic Planning Steering Committee

March 10th at 12:00 pm

Present: Bill Byrnes, Gerry Calvasina, Patrick Clarke, Kim Craft, Christine Frezza, Artis Grady, Kurt Harris, Molly Campbell, Scott Lanning, Megan Lloyd, Deb Hill and Bruce Tebbs.

Excused: Sarah Brown, Karl Stevens

I. Agenda and Document Review

- Bill Byrnes reviewed the agenda for the meeting and introduced the present staff members. Bill also talked about moving the plan forward to the next level, contingent on the budget being approved.

II. Update on revisions to Vision, Mission

- Changes and comments were as follows:
 - Vision
 - The phrase “nationally recognized” was discussed, based on concerns over what the phrase ultimately meant, and on what standards the school was recognized. In the end, the phrase was left as is.
 - The word “effect” in “effect positive change” was **changed to “create”**.
 - “Excel in their chosen field” was **changed to “achieve excellence in their chosen field”**

III. Truth in Tuition Hearing and the Academic Roadmap

- Bill overviewed the PowerPoint on tuition statistics. PowerPoint Notes are as follows:
 - On the main page, both the phrases “you’re” and “you are” appear – these should be consistent
 - In regards to the bullet “Possible general decline in quality”
 - The word “possible” should be removed
 - The entire bullet point should be bolded
 - The bullet point should be moved to last on the list for emphasis
 - The Tuition increase plan – somewhere between 10 and 15 percent tuition increase should be expected. Pell grants are also expected to increase as well as expanded eligibility.
 - Depth and Quality slide
 - First point – the word “quality” needs to be removed
 - Second point – The line regarding library holdings needed an action word to parallel “Enhance quality” on the line above it. The chosen phrase was “Increase library holdings”
- Academic Roadmap Review
 - 2010-2014 Financial roadmap: Bill noted that nothing on this roadmap was changed yesterday in the Presidents counsel.
 - More budget information should be available by next meeting.

IV. Review of My Strategic Plan Objectives and Action Plans

Key Strategic Initiatives

- To have SUU recognized nationally for its high quality and distinctive academic programs
 - Section 1.1 - Idea was discussed to look into other recommended programs for recognition, in addition to accreditation.
 - Section 1.3.1 – Discussed how this point focuses on talking to people within the departments about what kind of standards work for them, instead of the standards being set by people outside the department.
 - Section 1.4.1 – Idea discussed to add another sub point discussing other options besides Phi Beta Kappa.
- Secure Resources for the Academic Road Map
 - Bill noted that many projects on the road map have been started, but that there is still much to come.
 - The staff discussed the possibility of offering high achieving graduate and undergraduate students employment that would be relevant to their studies.

- It was mentioned that having undergraduate faculty responsible for undergraduate and graduate classes becomes hectic and leads to communication problems.
 - The idea of associate deans was also brought up as something that is needed in many of the schools.
- Develop High Impact Education Programs and Practices
 - Much of the responsibility for this will fall on the Dean of the University College
- Executing the plan – Bill reviewed how the software can help with timeline tracking and plan implementation. He also covered how other people involved in the plan can use the software to keep track on their own deadlines and set reminders.

Next meeting

March 31st @ noon.