

Criterion Committee 2: Preparing for the Future
Meeting Minutes April 5, 2007
Old Main 208, 2:00 pm

Members Present: Paul Morris, Gary Johnson, Susan Ladd, David Walker, Ron Troyer, Joe Lenz.

Component Statements: Ron convened the meeting and asked Joe to start the discussion on the component paragraphs. Joe distributed statements on components 2a and 2c, which members had not yet had the opportunity to review. Committee members observed the following:

- use of similar examples (eg, program review) in each component threatens to be redundant;
- whenever possible, use data, and avoid vague quantitative language (“some,” “several,” “many”) and use actual numbers instead;
- statements seemed overburdened by too many examples, rather than a few key examples;
- Ron wondered whether the statement would read better as answers to questions – that is, to turn the component from an assertion (“The organization realistically prepares for a future shaped by multiple societal and economic trends”) into a question (Does the University realistically prepare for the future?). The paragraph then becomes an answer to that question.

After some discussion, Ron asked whether, at this point, given the evidence and drafts that have been provided by the subcommittees, it would be more efficient for one person to do the writing, rather than have committees draft statements relatively blind to what other groups were doing. The committee concurred.

Poster Session: Susan noted that ideas for posters for the poster session (Monday April 30?) are due Thursday, April 12. The committee decided that each component subcommittee will develop a one-page “poster.” Each poster will be headed by a question pointed at that component (see above), followed by examples of evidence that answer the question. These will be circulated for comment among the committee. Posters will then be prepared for the session (by whom was left unspecified).

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 2 (Old Main Conference Room 208, 2:00). Sue will distribute the component statements for 2a and 2c.