

**Criterion Committee 2: Preparing for the Future**  
**Meeting Minutes November 2, 2006**  
Old Main 208, 2:00 pm

Members Present: Sue Wright, Darcy Vandergrift, Rhea Ann Frost, Paul Morris, Amy Zsenai, Gary Johnson, Susan Ladd, Joe Lenz.

**Evidence Sub-group reports:** In Ron's absence, Joe asked each subgroup to report on their discussions of the evidence to support each of the four components of Criterion 2. Each subgroup summarized their discussions, and submitted their notes on the evidence and on the introductory paragraph. It was suggested that these notes be posted in the Criterion 2 folder on Blackboard, and Joe asked everyone to review the statements prior to the November 30 meeting. At that meeting the committee will discuss what further steps need to be taken about identifying, collecting, and presenting evidence.

**White Paper Draft:** Sue provided some background to the White Paper draft, and invited comments on that draft, pointing out that she believes Ron hopes to release it to campus around Thanksgiving. Discussion was lively, with comment about:

- first paragraph (under "White Papers") seem to emphasize academic over administrative units
- the inclusion of "required" with "White Paper Outline" and whether that meant units must respond to each of the four elements (it was observed that "collaboration" may not be feasible or practical for smaller administrative units)
- confusion regarding the relationship of #2 (initiatives) and #3 (collaborations), whether these are distinct, or whether #3 is (or may be) a feature of #2
- need to put requirement that White Papers flow from Environmental Scanning in much more assertive language

Item #4 provoked the most comment, with members observing that

- the language is too reminiscent of Program Review, and that the campus may then see the White Paper in those terms;
- the language is likely to be interpreted as suggesting that each unit must "stop" some activities in order to be able to undertake new initiatives; the group assumption was that the planning is to be more holistic
- identifying things to stop doing or reallocate may become a disincentive to proposing initiatives – that the excitement and imagination generated by looking at new possibilities may be dampened by defensive posturing
- time, like money, is a resource to be conserved – that is, that cutting back isn't just about monetary expenditures
- #4 may be reworked, and related to the environmental scanning, asking units to identify programs, practices, and activities that evidence suggests may not have future promise

Joe asked members to send whatever additional comments they had to Sue; she can relay them to Ron so the document can be revised.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 30 (Old Main Conference Room 208, 2:00).