

**Criterion Committee 2: Preparing for the Future**  
**Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2005**  
Old Main 208, 3:00 pm

Members Present: Sally Beisser, Maria Clapham, Joe Lenz, Paul Morris, Nita Pandit, Ronald Troyer, David Walker, Sue Wright

Members absent: Susan Ladd, Anthony Perrozzi, Gary Johnson, Vicky Payseur

Guest: President Maxwell

1. Ron Troyer started the meeting noting again that planning is essential. It is the future of the institution.
2. President Maxwell provided some history, describing the recent Board of Trustees Retreat in which they brainstormed the Drake of 2025.
3. Discussion then focused on the retreat, and many ideas were generated.
  - A. We need to have aspirations that might not be probable, but are possible.
  - B. The retreat will focus on these issues of the Drake of the future.
  - C. We need to look at Drake of 2025 and then determine whether the 5-year plan elements are right to help us get there.
4. Retreat Date: It was discussed that the original discussion of holding the retreat in late May might be unrealistic. Ron related the Steering Committee discussion about combining the retreat with the Board of Trustees meeting on June 24 and June 25<sup>th</sup>. The President indicated that he had talked with Dave Miles, Board President, and that he supports the plan. The most likely plan would be to hold the retreat all day on Friday.
5. We discussed having Peter Ewell, who moderated the Board discussion in January come for the retreat. [Ron has contacted him and he is not available June 24<sup>th</sup>.]
6. Criterion 2 Committee must determine the tasks necessary for this meeting to be productive.
  - A. Must decide what the important terms of focus are – the defining elements of the vision. A number of ways of framing the topic were discussed.
  - B. Must determine what commonalities provide grounding for discussion.
  - C. We need to define some readings that will help retreat attendees to focus on the topic.
  - D. We might want to put a vision piece out to which retreat attendees could react.
  - E. Whatever tasks we set up must have visible implications for the University and its faculty, staff and students.
  - F. We might set up some 20-year scenarios – e.g., show how much change occurred from 1945-1965, etc. Alternatively, we could discuss the impact of watershed events, e.g., wars, depression.
  - G. We must identify the core of the institution. Any discussion of change must fully recognize the core values and elements of the institution that we want to maintain.

7. Next Steps:
- A. Ron will set out some ideas for a framework for discussion. This will be ready for the next meeting.
  - B. All members need to identify readings that will help the committee prepare for the retreat, and that might also be reading to send to the retreat attendees.
  - C. Sue will work on putting together a description of current planning bodies and documents.
8. **Future meetings:** The following meeting dates were set, all on Thursdays at 3:00 pm in Old Main 208 (**except March 31<sup>st</sup>**). The March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting will start at 3:30 pm and a room is yet to be secured. We can discuss alternative meeting places if that will be more comfortable.

March 31	3:30 pm Old Main 208
April 7	3:00 pm Old Main 208
April 21	3:00 pm Old Main 208
May 5	3:00 pm Old Main 208