

Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee Notes
March 10, 2005 - 8:30 am – Old Main Conference Room

Attending: Ronald Troyer, Chair; Sentwali Bakari, Klaus Bartschat, John Burney, David Maxwell, Paul Morris, Sue Wright

1. President's Summer Retreat

- A. Ron noted that the original May 23-24 date for the retreat seems not to be leaving sufficient time for planning.
- B. The possibility of meeting in conjunction with the June Board of Trustees meeting was discussed. David Maxwell indicated that he would check with Dave Miles, President of the Board, to be sure this is acceptable.
- C. Options for days include:
 1. retreat would be on Friday, with normal business meeting on Saturday
 2. retreat all day Friday and Saturday morning, with the Board Business meeting on Thursday night.
 3. Retreat Thursday with Board, then convene faculty and staff for a second day on Monday.
 4. The President will check with Linda Ryan to determine needs for the Business meeting.
- D. Drake University of the future will be the focus. We need to determine what kinds of questions can be posed that will move us where we want to be in the discussion. Criterion 2 Committee will start planning for the retreat.
- E. Ron will check to see if Peter Ewell is available for these dates.

2. Mary Huba Workshop

- A. The feedback on the Huba workshop was discussed. Responses were mixed, probably indicating the different levels of preparation people already have.
 - B. Discussed the need to schedule several internal, shorter sessions that will allow faculty and staff to really work on their outcomes.
 - C. We will do more detailed workshops in the Fall.
 - D. John Burney and Sue Wright will get together on Spring plans.
3. John Burney distributed a form that he has given to his chairs asking for reports on their progress on outcomes. The Steering Committee asked him to send that to Deans asking that they return the form to Criterion 3 by a specified date.
4. **Action Groups:** John Burney distributed a sheet with proposed action groups that will work on finding practical teaching models for mission explication outcomes. The possibilities for providing some summer stipend money for some of these to get started soon is under discussion. We will try to get 3 or 4 of the groups started.
5. President Maxwell reminded us that we need to initiate the campus-wide discussion of Teaching and Learning.
6. **Self-study Fellowships:** The proposal to fund self-study fellowships was discussed.
- A. The group indicated that there are many tasks to be done, so the specifics can be kept flexible. This provides a better chance of attracting really good candidates.
 - B. The potentially important role of these fellowships for developing knowledgeable campus leaders was noted.
 - C. Some concern was expressed about the amount of the stipend versus the time specified. The amount specified in the initial proposal would be the equivalent of one course for many faculty. One summer course would be half time for 5 weeks.

7. **Communication:** There was a brief discussion of the need to communicate about self-study activities.
 - A. Currently, communication about activities such as the Mission Explication has been regular. At some point we may want to consider a regularly issued newsletter about self-study activities.
 - B. We will hold more Town Meetings in the fall.
 - C. John Burney will report on the Self-Study AOI outcomes mapping.

Scheduled Meetings

Meetings are scheduled, at 8:30 am in Old Main 208 on the following dates.

Mar 24

Apr 14