

Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee

Minutes

March 1, 2007 – 8:30 am
Old Main Conference Room

Present: John Burney, Lisa Lacher, Paul Morris, Raylene Rospond, Ron Troyer, Sue Wright

1. **Third-Party Complaint Process:** Lisa Lacher presented a plan for issuing notice of the opportunity to make comments about Drake's accreditation.

After some discussion it was agreed that we do not need to be so aggressive in seeking comments. We need simply to ensure that the notice appears in places that all constituents will have an opportunity to see it. Sue and Lisa will meet and narrow down the list of places to place the notice.

2. **Mission Awareness**

The group discussed ways in which we might seek to raise awareness of the mission over the next 11 months. The following were suggested:

- A. Examples of programs and activities that build on our mission can be included in the Provost's announcements and or other Drake publications.
 - B. *Blue* can carry a piece on the mission and the Deans' wraps can speak to the mission. This probably should be August 2007.
 - C. Have some pieces on how the mission is shaping the curriculum.
 - D. Figure out ways to integrate the mission into FY seminars.
 - E. Put mission on sign in every building. [Deans thought this was supposed to be under way and that someone was going to contact them about the best placement.]
 - F. We need to figure out how to engage staff in discussions of the mission ---- to make it real to them. Suggested that the topic be included in the staff excellence series.
 - G. Faculty Senate could have some discussions.
3. **National Issues:** Ron discussed the fact that the current administration still is actively pursuing the goals of the Spellings report and are likely to do so unless the reauthorization is passed. There is active effort through a couple of different meetings that are coming up to firm up accreditation procedures, particularly in relation to student learning outcomes. Other issues that are under discussion relate to making accreditation recommendations public, who has control of transfer credit decisions, and increasing flexibility of the accreditation bodies. The driving reason touted for these changes is US global competitiveness.

It was suggested that an all-university faculty meeting might be scheduled to discuss these issues.

4. **Committee Updates**

- A. C1 is working through each component report. Next week c & d will be presented and they will edit a and b. Component e is the only section yet to be presented.

- B. C2 had a meeting scheduled 2 pm today (did not happen) at which two sections were to be reviewed
- C. C3 is brainstorming on assertions. Scheduled for a joint meeting with C4 on Friday.

Remaining meetings for Spring 2007 are as follow:

March 8, 15, 29

April 5, 12, 19

May 3, 10, 17

All meetings will be 8:30-10:00 am in Old Main 208