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Accreditation Steering Committee
Meeting Notes from Friday, February 9, 2006
Founder's Room, Old Main

Present: Karyn Biasca, Patti Becker, Dave Arnold, Don Peters, Steve Bondeson, Patty Holland, Julie Zsido, C.R. Marshall, Wayne Sorenson, Bob Mosier

I. Announcements

Dr. John Taylor Karyn Biasca has been in communication with Dr. Taylor about Resource Room materials and meeting with him at the HLC annual conference. Dr. Taylor offered several guidelines for the reporting of documents in the Resource Room. In addition, he indicated he would be willing to meet with the UWSP Steering Committee at the conference.

GDR Review Steve Bondeson reported that it may not be financially feasible to send a team of 5 from the campus to a retreat in Newport, Rhode Island to study about the review of GDRs. Other ideas were brainstormed, including inviting a consultant to campus from either the Newport planning group or a member of the AASCU review team and doing an internal review/revision of our GDR program.

Criterion Task Force Members' Discussion of the Cross-Cutting Themes Karyn Biasca did a very nice job of coordinating and facilitating a discussion on the cross-cutting themes with the CTF members on Thursday, February 8. Four of the CTF chairs presented an overview of each of the cross-cutting themes. After that, the members wrote out ideas for each of the cross-cutting themes on pads. The meeting generated some very good ideas about the cross-cutting themes.

Presentation to Faculty Senate Karyn Biasca did a fine job of presenting an update on the self-study process and responding to questions at the Faculty Senate meeting on Wednesday, February 7.

- II. Discussion of Ann Cohen's Visit Karyn led a discussion about the visit of Ann Cohen, having attended the meetings with Ann when she visited our campus. First, Steve Bondeson is to be commended for bringing the AASCU team to campus. The review team has delivered a report with significant implications for future planning of the University. The Steering Committee thought that Ann Cohen did a very fine job of presenting the views of the review committee in a very professional manner. The sessions on February 2 were very worthwhile and informative.

III. Updates on Strategic Planning Efforts Bob Mosier discussed the previous planning efforts in 1995-1999, 2001-2003, 2003-2004, and our current Vision 2015 as background for the proposed draft of a strategic planning process for second semester, 2007. The proposed plan involves four planning sessions for second semester, with planning sessions on March 5, March 8, March 12, and one in late April. The planning sessions would be held in the Portage County Annex, from 6-9pm. A strategic planning expert from Portage County Extension, Mark Hilliker, would facilitate the planning sessions. The session on March 5 would involve an overview of Vision 2015 and a SWOT analysis. The session on March 8 would involve drafting a mission and values statements. The session on March 12 would involve drafting goals and a process to carry strategic planning forward in the future. The planning session in late April would focus on refining the drafts from the previous sessions. Approximately 35 people, representing a cross-section of campus, would participate in the planning sessions. A group of approximately 10 people would serve in a review group. Drafts would be sent out widely to campus units and to the community. The review group would collect the responses and develop a summary of the major thoughts from the campus units and the community. Plans would be finalized at the end of the semester for moving the strategic planning process forward in the fall.

IV. **Reports from the Criterion Task Force (CTF) Chairs**

Criterion Task Force One: Karyn Biasca CTF One is currently editing a first draft developed by Karyn. The draft will be revised by the end of the month. There was discussion about delaying the meeting of the CTF chairs and the editor until a little later, when the CTFs will have worked more on their drafts.

Criterion Task Force Two: C.R. Marshall CTF Two is moving to weekly meetings prior to spring break. They have established good information on 3 of the 4 core components. Planning links to the mission will be dependent on the strategic planning process.

Criterion Task Force Three: Patty Holland Patty Holland is pulling the evidence together to assemble a draft for CTF 3. Their Open Discussion on CTF 3 will occur on February 19 from 3:30-4:30pm in Room 310 CPS. By the end of this current weekend, Patty hopes to have a draft of core component one.

Criterion Task Force Four: Patti Becker Patti is acting as the coordinator of the evidence that each of the CTF 4 members are collecting on the core components. She is spending some reflective time to see how the evidence can best be pulled together and written about.

Criterion Task Force Five: Neil Heywood CTF 5 is working on a bi-weekly schedule. Several questions that CTF 5 is trying to answer involve how to

evaluate the value various constituencies have for the campus and how to measure it, as well as how much detail to gather and provide in the narrative. They are looking at evidence of funded research projects, salaried internships, and inter-institutional cooperation. They are planning an Open Discussion for the week of April 9th. They would also like to see the University establish a long-term method of collecting the acquiring and maintaining data. Neil has reviewed Whitewater's and Milwaukee's chapters on Service and Engagement and will be examining River Fall's draft shortly. Neil recommended having a common framework for the discussion of diversity in each of the chapters.

V. Updates on Marketing

Newsletters and Open Discussions Julie Zsido reported that the third newsletter is completed and is being distributed. Copies have been sent to various offices for people to read in waiting areas. The Foundation has been helpful in generating names and addresses of people in the region who would receive copies of the newsletters. The Open Discussion for Criterion Three will be on February 19 at 3:30pm in Room 310 CPS. The Open Discussion for Criterion Four will be on March 14 at 3:30pm in Room 116 CPS. The Open Discussion for Criterion Five is being planned for the week of April 9.

Coordination of Hosting Logistics Wayne Sorenson reported that he is working on arrangements to reserve rooms in the University Center for the HLC review team's visit in March 2008. Rooms can be reserved after March 15, 2007. Wayne will work out a contingency plan in case the UC is not ready by March 2008. Wayne will next work on lodging arrangements for the visiting team and other logistics for the visit.

VI. Editor's Report

Coordination of the Website and Self-Study Report Look Dave Arnold reported on a meeting with Denise Deering, Meas Vang, Justin Poggemann, and Randy Peelen in which the coordination of the look of the accreditation website and the self-study report were discussed. He was very pleased with the good ideas generated in the meeting. He is also working on the writing of the introduction to the self-study report.

VII. Next Meeting

Date and Time for Next Meeting Karyn announced that the next meeting would be held at 7:15am on February 23 in the Founders Room in Old Main.

