

**UWSP Accreditation**  
**“It’s All About Learning”**  
**ASC Meeting Notes From Friday, November 3, 2006**  
**073 Debot Center**  
**7:15am-8:00am**

**Present:** Steve Bondeson, Dave Arnold, Patti Becker, Karyn Biasca, Ross Cohen, Neil Heywood, C.R. Marshall, Wayne Sorenson, Julie Zsido, and Bob Mosier

**Guests:** AASCU Review Team: Ann Cohen, Chair, University Dean for Academic Affairs, The City University of New York

**Discussion Topics with the AASCU Review Team**

Mission: Ann Cohen, chair of the AASCU wanted to discuss the mission statement at UWSP with the Accreditation Steering Committee. She also had some feedback to share about the current mission statement. The AASCU review team thought that the current mission statement was cumbersome and lacked clarity. This contributed to confusion with the GDRs, since the GDRs mission should be consistent with the UWSP mission and flow from it. Karyn Biasca shared with the review team that the UWSP mission statement had a very similar template to each of the other comprehensive universities in the UWSP system.

Recommendations of the AASCU review team with respect to the current mission statement

- There needs to be a mission revision committee established.
- The committee needs to operate on a five year cycle, with the mission being reviewed every five years, with an examination of its currency and appropriateness in each five year cycle.
- The mission needs to be consistent with the Chancellor’s vision.
- The mission statement needs to be clear on “who you are”, “what makes UWSP distinctive”, and “what matters at UWSP”.
- UWSP is doing many things well, but it is not codified in the mission statement.
- The HLC visiting team will want everyone on campus to be able to state the mission of the University.
- Visit with the UW-Whitewater and UW-Platteville accreditation teams about how things worked for them and recommendations they have for UWSP’s accreditation process.