

Values Commitment Steering Team Minutes April 24, 2014

Team members in attendance were Bob Sitler, Michael Branton, Leila Roach, Lynn Schoenberg, and Rina Arroyo.

Panels for Values Day were discussed. Leila Roach commented that her meeting with students went well and that they had great ideas for Values Day. The student group suggested that Dr. Libby and Provost Paul do values workshops. The Marlin Brown case was brought up leading to conversation about including race issues as part of Values Day. It was suggested that a tobacco-free task force work with the idea of having a last clean up with an educational focus of how cigarette butts affect the environment. It was recommended that a science faculty member talk about smoking and the environment. Lynn will ask Tony Abbott for recommendations for a speaker. There was discussion about ways to fit the tobacco-free campus topic into Values Day. Peggy Fox should be consulted on where it will fit into the schedule. One suggestion was to have Grady Ballenger introduce Dr. Bailey and his long-term efforts for smoke-free environments and then have students comment.

Bob met with marketing students and reported that they also had great ideas for Values Day, such as t-shirts, instagrams, and a modern day slavery focus. It was reported that so far there are nine workshops scheduled for Values Day.

The following updates on values recommendations were given:

Diversity and Inclusion – Bob Sitler

1. Progress on the recommendations has been limited due to delays in the hiring of a new associate provost for faculty development. This hire will likely be taking place soon, and their work will include recruitment and retention of faculty members from under-represented groups. The talent management administrator, who was hired in January 2014 and who works on the DeLand campus, will complement the inclusivity work of the associate provost.
2. There is a new faculty mentoring system in place operating under the leadership of the Office of the Provost.
3. A diversity scorecard is still under consideration.

Spiritual and Religious Inclusion-Leila Roach

1. Lindsey Graves has recently been hired as assistant director for interfaith initiatives, and we hope she will be able to facilitate the implementation of many of the task force recommendations.
2. More interfaith events have already been added including Friends Talking Faith.
3. A plaque with a very brief statement above the main entrance to the Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall that welcomes people of all faiths and those without faith was added.
4. The speaker for Values Day 2014 will speak on contemplative prayer.
5. A space for reflection/meditation/prayer is still under consideration in the master plan for the new Student Union.

Values Nutrition Recommendations-Lynn Schoenberg

1. Water Bottle Refill stations have been installed in: the Hollis Center, the CUB and Presser Hall. The Hollis Center station is up to 19,000 water bottles saved.

2. Fresh Food Vending Machines: Contract is being reviewed currently.
3. A contracted, part-time nutritionist is regularly on campus in DeLand through Chartwells. She holds open hours for consultations and events.

Values Fellows Scholarships and Cultural Credit

1. Values Fellows Scholarships: The \$2,500 annual Environmental Sustainability Fellowship has been awarded to incoming student Sarah Coffey from Bradenton, Florida. This fellowship is serving as a pilot program prior to developing and funding fellowships that include other values areas. This type of fellowship/scholarship is a priority in the Comprehensive Campaign, and donors are being sought to further develop this model.
2. Cultural Credit: Recommendations from the Cultural Credit Task Force were forwarded to UCCAP by President Libby. John Pearson distilled the recommendations in to a one-page proposal via request of Provost Paul and the UCCAP steering committee. This document and the recommendations from the task force have been forwarded to the deans of the college/schools for discussion with their faculty. It is hopeful that a university-wide requirement with well-defined parameters and an easily maintained record-keeping system can be in place early next year.

The environmental recommendations were discussed. It was concluded that the committee will wait for Al Allen to sign off on them. The campus master planner is coming to campus, and Al will set up a meeting with him.

The ALANA faculty, including College of Law faculty, met on March 28, 2014. Bob reported that the faculty was optimistic about the formation of a working group as a permanent structure.

It was mentioned that alumnus and Florida Senator Joe Negron is working on getting funding to expand Sage Hall.

This was the last meeting of the committee for this academic year.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hamil