
Values Commitment Steering Team Meeting Minutes
1/25/13

In attendance: Leila Roach, Joshua Rust, Michael Branton, Lynn Stadelman, Tishia Dunham and Robert Sitler.

Tobacco Free

- Suggested edits to current "tobacco free proposal."
- Group endorses policy with suggestions
- Should we move forward on looking into investments in tobacco? Group decided Bob will ask more about it verbally at this point
- Lynn will have task force address suggestions

Spiritual and Religious Inclusion Task Force Proposal

- Group approves final version of letter
- Leila will send final edits to Bob
- Bob will bring to his next meeting with Dr. Libby

Values day:

- Bob will discuss next steps in meeting with Dr. Libby, including to confirm the date
- Bob will start room reservation process

Diversity:

- Josh is meeting with Human Rights and Social Justice group and Diversity/Inclusion group to see how they can work with VSC
- Joanne Moody- consultant- gave verbal recommendations for improvements, promised a written version
- Stetson University Social Justice lecture series- some confusion on how we are moving forward here. A speaker suggested from Yolany, (inter cultural programs CLaSS), Dr Libby has suggested waiting to fall, maybe doing something bigger. Not sure if February event will still occur.
- Tishia wants to talk with Josh more about Moody visit

Nutrition:

- Group planning to come up with recommendations and continue to be part of the contract negotiation process
- Pulled in law school representative

SOGI committee/recommendations:

- Recommendations that didn't happen from SOGI: health/domestic partner benefits not equal in application process or qualifications, should be something we push out there and promote
- Josh will talk to John Pearson about it and then meet with HR.
- Proposal already exists, don't need a task force, just need to follow up on things from original proposal

Other:

- Honors council may ask us to come in on a project (Bob)
- Bob is considering doing a first year seminar on values, group approves and is prepared to come in to support
- Bob meets with Dr. Libby Tuesday
- Bob had a discussion with a student that the values concept seems to promote a political agenda- group discussed thoughts- we need to acknowledge those viewpoints and try to be a means for multiple viewpoints. Josh suggested opening up to suggestions from the community about what we could do to reach across perceived political agendas.
- Group supports a Values faculty endowed position