

Values Commitment Steering Team Meeting Minutes

2/22/13

In attendance: Leila Roach, Lynn Schoenberg, Michael Branton, Joshua Rust, Robert Sitler, Rina Tovar, Tishia Dunham, and Nicole Pizza.

I. Concussion Report *from Director of Athletics*

- Not fully up to date with Ivy League protocols, 1.5 years ago.
- See if new research is available.
- Report makes little reference to anything in future.
- Would be good for lawyer to review.

II. Spirituality & Religious Inclusion Task Force

- Feedback from religious studies faculty – thought proposal was to take down religious iconography. This idea is inaccurate

III. Values Steering Committee Website

- Post on website all of recommendations that come before VSC VCST (Values Commitments Steering Team) for Stetson community's input, then VSC adds cover letter.
- Concern that not everyone is a regular reading of Stetson Today- does it need to go to email as well?
- Law school wants to put posting on their website as well.
- Law school does not have intranet – does primarily through e-mail (Tisha).

IV. Values Fellows

- Group did not suggest changes- it should go forward for review process and Rina, Josh and Tony discuss one more time.
- Work group of knowledgeable people who want to be mentors/supervisors needed.
- Maybe a work-study type of model – student assigned to department/group.

V. Domestic Partner Benefit

- Not required in Florida
- Cannot make changes to current policy because of Blue Cross/Shield requirements.
- Send pamphlet to all faculty and staff.
- Information must be easier to access (ex. Stetson HR Website, Google search).

VI. Nutrition Task Force

- Dining Services Committee (not our task force) commented in Reporter.

- Suzanne signed confidentiality agreement.
- Vendor not decided on yet.
- ‘All You Can Eat’ concept, but no open access soda machines.
- Concerns for new dining experience:
 - Signage of nutritional facts above soda machine
 - Be able to control Stetson’s own physical space.
 - All You Can Eat may be inconvenient, unfair, and discouraging.
 - Rules and fair pricing models must be seriously considered.
 - A la carte option could be available.
- Educational effort to become culture of no food waste.

VII. Work Place Wellness

- Personal growth value.
- Start task force for faculty/staff wellness & health incentive program
- Strategic map: Good place to work, incentives, and rebates.
- Incentive could have positive effects on health insurance premiums
- Would on-campus & off-campus programs be included?

VII. Wellness & Academic Connections Task Force

- Public Health minor was submitted.
- Possible ways to implement wellness/nutrition credit:
 - Cultural Credit
 - Values Credit
 - 5 Credit Courses: not big burden to students, yet educational
- Possibility of public health certification

IX. Values

- Religious/spiritual Academic task force came up with 5 recommendations:
 - 4 relating to faculty – address rise in tenure and hiring.
 - 1 impacted curriculum – recommendation to up the foreign language requirement.
- Fragments general ed; ignores business, music, law, and parts of arts and science schools
- Need feedback from other members, getting close to decision.
- Get recommendations in before end of academic year.
- Group is held up due to not meeting often.

X. Tobacco Update

- SGA voted in favor of at least 3 tobacco zones in high traffic areas.

- Want a built structure (gazebo).
- SGA conducted survey, which showed students in favor of smoke-free campus.
- Updated proposal went to Dr. Libby with supported data, SGA bill and survey.

XI. Global Citizenship

- Social justice lecture series is done.
- Values fellows is in the works.
- Proposal for Social Justice Lecture series Spring 2014 is being put together.
 - Public, student oriented, and invite others.
 - Needs to be faculty centered.
 - Intellectual development for students and faculty.
 - Should be fairly inexpensive, work with artisan lecturers

XII. Diversity and Inclusion

- Have proposals soon.

XII. Website- gathering accomplishments project

- Bob e-mailed faculty and environmentalists for environmental history.
- Information for website will be put together by PR.
- Looking for departmental accomplishments/history with no restriction on date.
- 'Fact of the Week' to put on main page of website.

XIII. Values day

- Date has been set, September 18th.
- President of Dillard University, Walter Kimbrough, will speak.
- Faculty centered and interested staff.
- Make Kimbrough's speech centerpiece, begin at 10:00 or 10:30 am.
- Ask faculty to create a class, talk, workshop, panel, etc. on values.
- Wanted to create task force for this but received negative feedback.
- Proposals need to be made ahead of time so faculty can add to their syllabi.
- Needs to be fun and engaging with little rules
- Connect with law campus via Stetson Room
- Have students organize.
- Invite law school professors.

- Work Group Formed
 - Lynn, Josh, and Bob will meet once a week
 - Josh will ask Michael D. if he wants to work with group on consultant basis.

XIV. Other

- New Standard Policy – send a descriptor to Bob and he will share it with Dr. Libby.
- Next Meeting: March 15th at 12:00pm.