

## Values Commitment Steering Team Meeting Minutes 10/04/12

**Start time: 1:02 pm**

**In attendance:** Leila Roach, Tishia Dunham, Joshua Rust, Michael Branton, Rina Tovar, Lynn Stadelman, Robert Sitler, Marissa Wade, and Dr. Wendy Libby.

### **I. Values Review (Dr. Libby)**

#### **A) Financial Budget**

- Dr. Libby suggested that the committee attend a Cabinet meeting (every other month), to discuss projects and budget plans.
- The committee should also seek feedback from taskforces regarding projects and the budget.
- Budget plan should be proposed and finalized by January.
  - Will we be using Government Aid or Grants for programming?
- The committee should collaborate with Bob Huth.

#### **B) Concerns**

- Religion and spirituality is an important component of our values.
  - There have been issues of intolerance and harassment (at the student organization level)
  - Stetson should be a safe place for students to explore religion and spirituality.
- This should be a learning opportunity for students.
  - Students should not force values, beliefs, or views onto other students.

#### **C) Projects**

- Committee members are responsible for creating and working on projects.
  - The committee is expected to report to the Cabinet, not directly to Dr. Libby.
  - Reach out to Cabinet members to receive feedback.
    - “Who is involved?”

**\*The committee would like to be informed when a proposed project is not a priority/possibility at this time- why not? If this is the case, the committee will research the project in depth and review it at another time. Also, the committee agreed to look into previously suggested projects.**

#### **D) Other Issues**

- Global Citizenship
  - Chic-fil-a discussion

- Joshua Rust will contact Chris regarding this matter.

## II. Updates

### A) Mascot

- Whip has been removed.

### B) Head Injury (Helmet issue)

- Lynn contacted Jeff Altier.
  - Will schedule a follow-up meeting.
- Members agreed to consult with one another on future issues.

## III. Budget

### A) \$30,000 designated to work on values

- What specifically does it go toward?

### B) Taskforces should seek money from Karen Kaivola.

### C) Committee responsibilities:

- Create guidelines to prioritize finances. (Who will receive funds?)
- Create budget plan
  - \$ \_\_\_\_ amount for taskforces & \$ \_\_\_\_ for other requests.
- Discuss requests.
- Figure out the Institutional budget.

**\* The committee agreed to hold all requests until the spring. The committee should consider which value the request falls under. Also, it is important to assess what other forms of funds the taskforce/organization is currently receiving.**

## IV. Values Day

### A) Received some negative feedback from the Faculty Senate meeting.

- Examples: fluff, not challenging enough, etc.

### B) Campus Life & Student Success was happy with the turnout.

- Some helpful discussions took place.

### C) Spiritual Discussion

- Some participants felt silenced as though they weren't allowed to voice their opinions on issues surrounding: creationism, abortion, and condom use.

**\* Committee members should find a way to connect with students in an intellectual manner. Also, the committee would like to provide avenues for students to address conflicts and have meaningful discussions in a safe/mediated environment.**

### D) Next Year

- Who is taking on Values Day?
- What is Dr. Libby's expectation?
- What role will students and faculty play?

## V. Taskforces

A) Committee members reported no difficulties finding members to join taskforces.

### B) Taskforce duties:

- Assessment of area.
- Create a priority list of goals/adjectives.

### C) Updates

#### • Personal Growth

- Spiritual & Religious Inclusion
- Tobacco Free Campus
- Campus nutrition & food
- Wellness & Academic Connections
  - Create a curriculum for a certificate program.

#### • Global Citizenship

- Diversity & Inclusion
  - Working on getting a statement included on all advertisement material.
  - Diversity score card.
  - Hire an outside consultant for feedback.
    - i. Compare ourselves to other institutions.
    - ii. Evaluate diversity.
    - iii. Create goals and follow-up on past reports.
    - iv. Offer faculty and staff training.
  - Create an Africana Studies Minor.
- Environmental Feedback Loop
- Equity & Social Justice
  - Interested in bringing back the Howard Thurman lecture series.
- Landscaping

#### • Intellectual Development

- Cultural Credit
  - Associate dean will meet with students Thursday.
- Academic Excellence
  - First meeting was last Monday.
  - Taskforce will meet with provost, deans, and the community.
  - Follow-up meeting in 2 weeks.
  - Will come up with top 5 recommendations.

\* **Deadline: End of semester.**

**VI. Communication Questions**

- 1) **How will people communicate with us?**
- 2) **Implementation ideas?**
- 3) **What was done in the past?**
- 4) **What is our vision?**
- 5) **Taskforce members on DeLand campus & law school campus.**

**VI. Other Concerns**

**A) Values Day Planning**

- Come up with time-line.

**B) Health Care Premiums**

- Salary basis?
  - Contact Bob Huth for reports and discuss affordability of health care.

**C) Full Tuition Scholarship Recipients**

- Can they fully participate in Campus Life/Community?
- How are we marginalizing some students?

**VII. Future Meetings**

- October 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 11-12pm
- November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 12- 1:30pm
- November 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 11-12pm

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:45pm**