

**Values Commitment Steering Team Meeting Minutes**  
**10/25/12**

**Start time: 11:05 am**

**Meeting Adjourned: 12: 18 pm**

**In attendance:** Leila Roach, Tishia Dunham, Joshua Rust, Rina Tover, Lynn Stadelman, Robert Stitler, and Marissa Wade.

**Not present:** Michael Branton

**I. Alumni Feedback**

**A) Concerns related to Stetson's Values**

- “Has religion been removed from the values?”
- “Religion is being pushed to the perimeter.”- In reference to the core values- visual display.
- “Where is the faith/spirituality component?”

**B) Representation of Values**

- Perhaps there is a communication and design flaw.
- Recommendation to create an article for the Alumni Magazine.
  - The article would give information about the Religious and Spirituality component of Stetson's Values.
  - The article will also have historical information.
  - Rina will check into this option.

**II. Values Award (Alumni Suggestion)**

- Nominations will be accepted for a person who lives the Stetson Values.
  - Perhaps 1 member of the University and 1 member from the local Community.
- Scope of the award is undetermined at this time.
- Possible criteria for award- speech at Values day.
- How can we incorporate all Stetson campuses?

**\* How do we get more alumni feedback? -Reach out through the monthly Alumni e-mail blast.**

**III. Cultural Credit Task Force**

**A) Task force meeting**

- There are vast differences in cultural credit requirements across academic disciplines. (All schools have unique requirements)
- It may be difficult to get a consensus.
- Graduate students do not currently have to attend cultural credit events.

**B) 2 Town Forums will be held.**

- Faculty/Staff
- Students

**\* How can we tie cultural credit into values? –“Values Credit”**

**IV. Tobacco Free Task Force**

**A) Updates**

- Grady and Terrance met with the SGA president.
- Members on the task force from all campuses.
- Working on getting an idea of where SGA stands on the issue.

**B) Tobacco Free Campuses**

- UCF, UF, UM, UT = Tobacco Free
- Nova is in the process of becoming Tobacco Free

**C) Plan**

- Dr. Sitler will contact Bob Huth.
- Health benefits plan?

**V. Campus Nutrition Task Force**

- Suzanne has been asked to get involved in the Sodexo contract process.

**VI. Spiritual & Religious Inclusion Task Force**

**A) Updates**

- Committee complete
- Scheduled walk through of campus to look at religious symbols.

**B) Goals**

- Major goal is to connect various religious groups on campus.
- Spiritual beliefs= treasures
- Create a space for meditation, reflection, prayer. (Labyrinth)
- Master Plan- Student Center renovation to include a Faith & Spirituality Center.

**VII. Wellness & Academic Connections Task Force**

- First meeting October 31<sup>st</sup> 2012

**VIII. Concussion Task Force**

- Waiting on a response from Julie as to whether or not she would like to head the task force.
- Dr. Sitler interested if no one else will take the lead.

**IX. Updates**

**A) Spring Values Day**

1. Task force
  2. Finances
- Get faculty and staff involved.

**B) Chic-Fil-A**

- SGA will hold a Stetson Values Forum for students and faculty.
- Forum will be an opportunity to discuss Stetson's investments and affiliations.
- The forum is scheduled tentatively for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. (Time- TBA.)
- Faculty will be involved and participate in the event. (Michele Skelton & Susan Peppers-Bates)
- Tishia Dunham expressed interest in attending and participating in the event.

#### **X. Environmental Responsibility Task Force**

- Campus Master Plan
  - Get faculty members involved in the discussion.

#### **XI. Community Engagement & Social Justice Task Force**

##### **A) Update**

- Bring back a version of the Thurman Lectures.
- Title it "Stetson Values Lectures"
- Get the community involved and back on campus.

##### **B) Plan**

- At least 1 per year, possibly 1 per semester.
- Aim for 1 in spring 2013.
- Invite prominent individuals on campus to speak.
- Discuss available finances.
- Create a task force for lectures.

#### **XII. Diversity & Inclusion**

- Incorporated new language into job search advertisements.
- Meeting Monday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 9 am.

**\* Suggestion: Scholarships for seniors conducting their senior research on values related topics.**

#### **XIII. Cabinet Meeting**

- **Guidelines**
  - Contingency fund
  - Prioritize recommendations
- **Recommendations will be agreed upon by all Values Steering Committee members before being presented to the cabinet.**

**\*What is expected of the Values Steering committee? Questions to consider: Is this something that can be handled quickly or does it need a task-force to get resolved?**

**Next Meeting:** November 8<sup>th</sup> 2012, 11-12 pm