

Values Commitment Steering Team Meeting Minutes
11/08/12

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

I. Tobacco Free Task Force

- **Proposed Smoke Free bill (SGA)**
 - Create designated smoking zones (i.e. parking lots) on campus.
 - Raises concerns regarding secondhand smoke.
 - The Tobacco Free task force does not support this bill.

II. Religion & Spiritual Inclusion Task Force

- **The task force members walked through campus to look for religious symbols.**
 - They will be discussing their findings at their next meeting.
- **Discussion about the role of symbols on campus.**
 - Historical significance vs. religious significance
 - Diversify religious representations around campus.
 - How can we better communicate our value of religion & spiritual inclusion?
- **Task force will reach out to and try to include Chaplain Michael Fronk.**

III. Coordinator for Interfaith Initiatives (Future Position)

- **Position fits into the Strategic Map.**
 - Improving Campus Vibrancy
 - To deepen the way we live our values.
- **Position is in the 5 year staffing plan.**
 - Donor funding the position?

* The Values Steering Committee can choose to support a proposed position or choose not to support a position brought to them by a task force.

IV. Campus Nutrition Task Force

- Suzanne Villalobos has agreed to work on the Sodexo contract process.
- The contract meeting will possibly be set for the end of the semester.

V. Concussion Task Force

- Julie Orłowski (soccer coach) will serve as the chair for the task force.
- Meeting will be held after the 1st of the year.

VI. Wellness & Academic Connections Task Force

- Tara asked to serve as the chair for the task force.
- In the process of creating the committee.

VII. Academic Excellence Task Force

- Dr. Denner is the chair.
- Task force is meeting every couple of weeks & is on task.

VIII. Cultural Credit Task Force

- Will offer recommendations by the end of the semester.

* How can we connect values with cultural credit? –Made easier now that Intellectual Development is one of our core values.

IX. Diversity & Inclusion Task Force

- **ABA site inspection.**
 - Goal: increase diversity on law school campus.
- **Assess diversity of students, faculty, and staff.**
- **Diversity inclusion in hiring practices and training.**
 - Donor's wife may be a helpful resource.
- **Desire to hire an outside consultant to complete a diversity score card.**
- **VCST- would like to have an ongoing diversity assessment.**
 - "Values Officer"
 - Maintain diversity score card & update it each year.
 - Focus on diversity issues & environmental concerns.
 - Plan values day.
 - * Values steering committee members will create a list of other potential responsibilities.

X. Environmental Responsibility

- **There is not currently a master planning committee.**
- **Our "Master Planner" is responsible for creating building blueprints and determining building positioning.**

* We need to have an on-going evaluation of environmental issues on campus. (Al Allen & Bob Sitler will work together)

XI. Community Engagement & Social Justice Task force

- **Social Justice lecture series (similar to Thurman lectures).**
 - Provost supports it.
- **Plan for next semester.**

* Task forces & constellations of excellence should work together and stay in close contact.

XII. Landscaping Task Force

- Native plant policy currently in place.
- Replace roses and create a meeting spot for students. (Cindy)

XIII. Values Scholarships

- Provost supports the idea.
- 5-6 (\$500-\$1000) scholarships for students who do their senior research on values related topics.
 - Donor may fund scholarships.
 - Tying Stetson values into the curriculum
 - Diversity, spirituality, etc.

XIV. Upcoming Event

- **Values & Vendors Open Forum**
 - Tuesday November 13th, 2012 @ 6:00pm
 - Stetson Room

XV. Next Meeting

- **Thursday December 6th, 2012 12:00-1:30 pm**