

**Values Commitment Steering Team Meeting Minutes**  
**12/06/12**

**Start time: 12:01 pm**

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

**I. Stetson Values Graphic Design Discussion**

- Committee will ask Joel to name the design.

**II. Endorsements**

- VCST will vote to endorse Task Forces and/or Task Force projects.
- Task Forces should provide the VCST with their status/plans.
- VCST members will decide whether or not they support the efforts.

**III. Updates**

**A) Endowment**

- Dr. Sitler spoke with Bob Huth about mutual funds.
- Dr. Sitler requested to attend an investment committee meeting.

**B) Health Care Premium**

- Currently a 3 tier plan

**C) Environmental Group**

- Having an Environmental group is important and would be beneficial.
- Bob Huth is interested.
- Perhaps Grady and Karen would be involved as well.

**D) Earth Week**

- VCST wants to get involved.

**E) Website**

- VCST will create a website for public use.
- Documents will be available for public viewing.
- The website will showcase University accomplishments related to values.

**IV. Nutrition Task Force**

- The University is taking bids from a few companies
- Suzanne will still be involved in the negotiation process.
  - Her role will be to help rank contracts from a nutritional standpoint.
- Does the Law school have the same contract?

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

- Meeting Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> to go over ideas

- Religious symbolism of historical significance will remain on campus.
- The Coordinator for Interfaith Initiatives position has been confirmed.
  - Nate and current GA are gathering more information about the position.

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

- Tara and Bonnie Wood are on the task force.
- Who else should be included?
- The task force will identify courses, activities, and events connecting Wellness & Academics.
- Some members liked the idea of offering a Wellness & Academic certificate for attending cultural credit events.

**VII. Cultural Credit Task Force**

- Held student and faculty meetings to discuss Cultural Credit system.
- Meetings went well and there were good turn outs.

**VIII. Academic Excellence Task Force**

- Dr. Denner is not ready to make recommendations until next spring.
- Academic Affairs may hold a spring workshop.

**IX. Diversity & Inclusion Task Force**

- Diversity score card to evaluate ethnic diversity
- Task force will meet again in January
- SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identities) was discussed.
  - Follow-up on previous recommendations
  - VCST will review recommendations and create an action plan.

**X. Environmental Responsibility Task Force**

- Task force is moving forward.
- Establishing an environmental group was discussed.
- VCST suggested attending/hosting an Environmental Summit.

**XI. Social Justice Task Force**

- Task force is working on a proposal to begin a values lecture series.
- Perhaps the lecture series will be named after Doug and Margaret Lee.
- Who is planning values day?
- Can there be a values day on the law campus?

**XII. Scholarship for Values Senior Research**

- Research topics tied to Stetson Values
- Scholarship could be used as a recruiting tool.
- Scholarships could be available for undergraduate students, graduate students, and law students.

- Will the scholarship come in the form of an endowment? (Donors for specific values?)
  - \$2,000 scholarship & \$500 for senior research

### **XIII. Fast Track to Law School**

- Three year undergraduate program -> law school
- Increase marketing for program
  - Law advisory committee may be helpful.
- Who should we target?
  - May need to re-imagine program

**Meeting adjourned: 1:10 pm**