

# Values Commitment Steering Team - Minutes

8/28/14

Recording Secretary: Joshua Rust

Team members in attendance are Bob Sitler, Felisha McCaster, Joshua Rust, Michael Branton, Savannah-Jane Griffin, Leila Roach, and Colleen Price.

## Beth Paul: introductory comments

Charge: make some recommendations to the President in each area (with, perhaps, one key priority).

New task force on Diversity and Inclusive Excellence (as found on the Strategic Map) as headed by Joe Morrissey: Diversity in the community will continue to be a focus. There has been recent increase in ethnic, racial, religious, and sexual diversity at Stetson University. We might distinguish diversity and inclusive excellence: one can have a diverse community without attending to it, which is why the focus needs to be on inclusive excellence (where all voices are acknowledged). The agenda for the task force has yet to be defined. However, there will likely be some emphasis on training on how to lead (including the Board of Trustees) with an eye to inclusiveness. Also we need to assess where we are.

## Bob Sitler: introductory comments

Our aim is to have frank conversations about how to improve the University. Right now there are not many initiatives that are being actively worked on.

Task: need to follow up on our original recommendations (before Values day, September 16).

## “Paper Scandal”

“Paper scandal” as reported in the Stetson newspaper: at some point it was decided that Stetson students were using too much paper and efforts were made to limit use, which upset the student base. This will be taken up by the Intellectual Development co-chairs (despite it’s being, in part, an environmental measure).

Michael: this seems to be, in part, a matter of poor communication. The aim was simply to limit excessive waste (e.g., 500 pages at a time). We need to find the key voices by going back to the original article.

Bob has already scheduled a meeting with Christopher Kandus-Fisher.

## Environmental Taskforce Recommendations

Bob: List of environmental recommendations (Greening initiatives) by the Environmental Task Force will be forthcoming.

## Personal Growth

Will continue to follow up on employee wellness initiatives.

## Values Day, September 16

Overview and schedule. Keynote delivered by Rev. Vincent A. Pizzuto.

Only 3 credits will be offered (rather than just 1 or 2).