

Values Commitment Steering Team Meeting Minutes

9/9/15

In Attendance: Jesus Alfonzo, Christopher Bell, Giovanni Fernandez, Savannah-Jane Griffin, Felisha McCaster, Beth Paul, Elisabeth Poeter, and Colleen Price.

I. Returning Team Members

- Savannah-Jane Griffin, Director of the Center for Community Engagement
- Felisha McCaster, Registrar at the College of Law
- Colleen Price, Director of the Office of Wellness and Recreation

II. New Team Members

- Jesus Alfonzo, Associate Professor of Music, Viola
- Christopher Bell (Chair), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
- Giovanni Fernandez, Assistant Professor of Finance
- Elisabeth Poeter, Associate Professor of World Languages and Cultures (German) and Director of Gender Studies

III. Appointment Staggering for Team Members

- 1.5 Years – Elisabeth Poeter and Colleen Price
- 2 Years – Christopher Bell, Jesus Alfonzo, and Felisha McCaster
- 3 Years – Giovanni Fernandez and Savannah-Jane Griffin

IV. Details on the Values Day Subcommittee

- Values Day was originally organized by the steering committee
- Savannah-Jane created a Planning Team subcommittee that meets separately, has brainstorming retreats, and consists of faculty, staff, and students
 - In the past, faculty and staff consisted of Savannah-Jane Griffin, Colleen Price, Leila Roach, and Joshua Rust
 - Student members consisted of 3-5 students
- Subcommittee plans and organizes Values Day workshops, service projects, global fair, and marketing, as well as creating a speaker committee in charge of choosing and inviting the speaker
- Subcommittee reports to steering committee and shares meeting minutes
- Subcommittee has a listserv but is considering streamlining the planning team by creating an application process

V. Last Year's Projects

- Summary of past projects provided by Savannah-Jane Griffin and Colleen Price
- Issues on campus related to Stetson Values (ongoing focus)
- Distinguishing between what projects we do directly and what projects we can outsource
- Website with proposal submission/discussion
- Specific Projects
 - Keep or Replace Good Friday? (On Hold)
 - Tobacco-Free Campus (Completed)
 - Campus Wellness (On Hold)
 - Water Bottle Stations on Campus (Completed)
 - Free vs Charged Printing Services (On Hold)
 - Instilling Values in the Curriculum (In Process with Joshua Rust)
 - Employee Wellness and its Relation to Human Resources (In Process)

VI. Current Planned Projects

- With all new faculty on the steering team this year, we decided to concentrate our energy on fewer projects so that we could focus on bringing each new/continuing project to completion before starting a new one
- We decided on three projects, with three teams of one faculty member and one staff member concentrating on each project
- Each project focuses on one of Stetson's core values and the projects for the coming year(s) are:
 - *Intellectual Development* – Standardizing the Cultural Credit Requirement across Stetson's campuses and colleges (Jesus Alfonzo and Savannah-Jane Griffin)
 - John Pearson needs to be consulted on this project's current status with UCCAP
 - *Global Citizenship* – Enhance our commitment to student learning on a global scale by reinstating a language requirement in the College of Arts and Sciences (Elisabeth Poeter and Felisha McCaster)
 - *Personal Growth* – Continue and complete work on Employee Wellness (Giovanni Fernandez and Colleen Price)

VII. Other Comments

- The online record of activities needs to be updated
- There is a committee S Drive that Savannah-Jane will make available to all current members