

Values Commitment Steering Team - Minutes

9/11/14

Recording Secretary: Joshua Rust

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

9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service

We had a discussion about the appropriateness of displaying an armored vehicle on the 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service.

Clarification required about the goal of the VCST

Bob is going to pursue clarification from the President about the scope of future recommendations.

Environmental Recommendations

We reviewed a list of environmental recommendations.

Josh: is “University Environmental Stewardship *Council*” the right way to describe the group? The word ‘council’ seems to evoke the old values model.

Bob: minor non-substantive clarifications throughout (e.g., specify that “Walk with the Founders” is a self-guided tour).

Values Day

The VCST must be available for the keynote address. Savannah has request that we wear our “values day” shirts on Friday and Tuesday.

Leila: change submission website to indicate a 75 word limit on the workshop description (Josh).

Thoughts about this year’s agenda

Bob: What do we need to work on? Formulate ideas for next meeting.

Personal growth: Focus on employee wellness. Hatter tracks might also need to be revisited.

Intellectual development: Lua and Savannah are discussing professional development training around community engaged learning and diversity in the classroom. This connects to Global Citizenship. We are going to put together a “Values in the Curriculum” workgroup.

“Paper scandal”: meeting with the relevant players about this issue.

Global citizenship: How can we adjust our pedagogical practices to better accommodate our increasingly diverse student population?

Update required on the status of past recommendations

We’ll discuss this next time. Produce a written update for the website.

Values and the law school

Need to better coordinate our values efforts with those of the law school.