

Values Commitment Steering Team Minutes
November 20, 2014

Team members in attendance: Bob Sitler, Michael Branton, Leila Roach, Colleen Price, Savannah-Jane Griffin, Joshua Rust, and Felisha McCaster by teleconference from the College of Law.

Colleen reported on a meeting she and Leila Roach had with Shelia Daniels and Chris Chelberg in Human Resources regarding the employee wellness initiative. It was agreed that there is a communication problem and that information should be made more accessible to all campuses. They will meet again to include Chris and will revise the proposal with a timeline of next semester.

Joshua and Savannah-Jane have spoken with Lua Hancock regarding ideas about how Stetson can achieve values and learning integration. Community involvement was discussed, along with the fact that Greg Sapp has been working on certificates of community engagement for a few years but that students and professors are still not informed about them. It was suggested that the certificates be integrated more deeply into the curriculum. The question was raised about securing internships for students who earn certificates. Savannah-Jane noted that all of the Bonner scholars are enrolled and have been doing internships for four years. It was pointed out that the College of Law requires pro bono work and that one half of the seminars have a community engagement component. A suggestion was made that pre-law majors also be involved in pro bono work, and an observation shared that Values scholars may count for community engagement. Savannah-Jane will report on both the level of community engagement and in what areas, with a focus on the barriers faced in achieving it. The task force will make a recommendation on connecting pre-law with pro bono work.

Felisha reported that the Diversity and Inclusive Excellence cross campus group met with Joe Morrissey and when he returns next semester after his sabbatical, a report will be given.

Bob reported that the paper consumption issue will be taken up by the new entity to be created and communicated this to the president and vice president. The president would like to have a leader in place by mid-next-semester.

The Innovators issue of the Stetson magazine letters-to-the-editor section was discussed, and it was decided that a response by our group is not necessary.

There was a recommendation that we should wait for the new leader of the VCST to get fresh input across campuses on how to be featured on Stetson Today. It was pointed out that IT can update the site to where it will be possible to navigate directly to a site with a logon specific to the individual.

Colleen discussed Chartwell's sustainable icon with Lindsey Bishop. Lindsey explained that icons are controlled by the parent company and that we would have to create a university-specific icon to use at Stetson, which would then need approval in order to put on the web site. Hari will follow through on this, and Colleen will check with Chris Chelberg.

It was agreed that there will be no December meeting. Next semester's meetings will run from Thursday, January 15, 2015 until April 23, 2015 on Thursday every other week from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hamil