

February 10, 2005

Present: J. Lincoln, B. Evans, S. Kunath, C. Babington, A. Dziubinskyj, M. Mcinnes, R. Schindler, M. Hertenstein

Discussion of Mission Statement that was submitted to N. Abraham. R. Schindler to contact N. Abraham to see where the statement is in the process.

R. Schindler called D. Cox; public safety is running safe ride and has trained two drivers that are not officers. Ideas were discussed on how best to distribute phone numbers to students for safe ride.

Discussion of possible revision of documents in catalog and handbook pertaining to "What's a DePauw education?" A subcommittee was formed (B. Evans, M. Mcinnes, and R. Schindler) to discuss and make a recommendation (fewer statements, which statements, etc.)

Discussion of library changes and the role of SLAAC in these changes. R. Schindler will invite N. Abraham and D. Trinkle to summarize in writing what has been discussed in terms of library changes. They may eventually be invited to a SLAAC meeting to address concerns, etc.

M. Mcinnes raised the issue of student absences. There is no clear procedure or policy in the handbook on how to deal with protracted absences due to legitimate reasons (e.g., medical). She will draft a statement for possible inclusion in the handbook.

Minutes submitted by M. Hertenstein

February 24, 2005

Rebecca Schindler opened the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Approve minutes from last meeting:
Minutes were approved.

Report from Cindy Babington:

Student approached Cindy about concerns with the process of the academic integrity hearing process. SLAAC discussed ways to make it less intimidating – taking an advisor into the room, being conscious of the terminology used. Possibly having some type of a post hearing process or conflict mediation may have helped this case specifically

Actions to take – send this individual to speak to Marnie.

Mission Statement Progress:

Members of SLAAC unanimously agreed that we are very opposed to the use of bulleted listing in the Mission Statement, as in option 4 of the new options

Sub-committee work:

Neal approved previously submitted suggested changes to the various statements about a DPU education in the DePauw Catalog and the Student Handbook. Ken Kirkpatrick will be re-writing the campus facilities section. SLAAC agreed it would be best to open the Catalog with the Mission Statement of the University. Sub-committee to reconvene and come up with the actual revisions on the computer so these changes can be put into action for the 2005 Catalog and Handbook – time TBA.

In the Vision Statement – SLAAC members unanimously agreed that the phrase “proud family” is not the optimal wording for the statement. The phrase seems to be forcing an intimacy, working on assumptions of family that may be out-dated and not shared. Other words or concerns are that it is clan/cult-like, hokey, cheesy, vague, and the vague definition of family. Its meaning is also repeated in the last part of the vision.

The Library:

Neal and Dennis have agreed to attend an upcoming SLAAC meeting.

Concerns from SLAAC:

Who is on the task force or this committee? Students seeking ARC support have rights to some privacy. First-floor of the library not conducive in terms of space. W-Center tutors brainstormed and student tutors concerned if the ARC is placed into the library students will just stop by, not call ahead for appointments, and it will become distracting

Complications with personnel:

Directors would be separated from the tutors if ARC moved to library. ARC serviced over 3000 appointments last year and need administrative support now. No librarian in charge of the library. What is the philosophy of the library? ARC moved out of library before for philosophical reasons. How far along are the plans in general?
Already hired contractor? Reporting at the faculty meeting next Monday

Absentee Policy:

Addition to the policy regarding prolonged illness and medical reasons. Due to time this issue was tabled until next meeting

5:25pm Adjournment.
Compiled by Hilary Blake