

SST Executive Committee Meeting

Agenda: April 17th, 2009

10-11 am -- 111 Jessup Hall

Attendees: Sarah Hansen, Elizabeth Whitt, Beth Ingram, Marcella David, Von Stange, David Grady, Emil Rinderspacher, Nancy Humbles, Helena Dettmer

Absent: Carlette Washington-Hoagland, Maison Bleam, Bill Nelson, Rachel Williams

1. Overview of Agenda
2. Update: SST Survey will be distributed right after George Kuh (via Websurveyor). Will include similar questions to last year's survey about effect of involvement in SST, as well as questions about use of large group meeting time. Other suggested topics?

Notes: Sarah will send survey to SSTX for feedback and suggestions. Timeline for feedback will be short as we want to get this out right after Kuh's visit.

3. Discussion: One Community, One Book project status

Notes: Beth provided an update on this project. There will still be a shared book, but there will not be an organized effort to integrate it into courses (e.g., Rhetoric). SST/Office of the Provost will not purchase books or provide funding for staff support. OCOB will still be discussed in Orientation. The committee discussed options for integrating into other current or future projects, such as living-learning communities, first year seminars, Camp Herky. This is not to say that we won't work toward a more integrated, coordinated first year reading program in the future.

4. Update/Discussion: Strategic Initiative Plan Task Force on Undergraduate Student Learning, Success and Wellness

Notes: The Provost is charging 6-7 task forces looking at various things. The Task Force on undergraduate student learning will work mostly from current/previous data (e.g., the First Year Experience report, past SST reports, etc.). Liz and Beth will work to incorporate SST and be sure that we don't have parallel projects or directions. David Gier is chairing – focus will be:

- 1) Who are our students?
- 2) What do we know about them?
- 3) What are we doing?
- 4) What are other schools doing?

5. Discussion: First Year Experience Task Force Report (distributed via email)

Notes: Emil went over the primary recommendations, which included, among others:
Creating a first year experience office
Having an immersion experience prior to the start of classes
Exposing students to a high-impact practice in their first year, and again, later in their major

6. SST Large Group Meeting, May 8th, 3-4:30, Bijou Theatre, IMU (Agenda will include results of SST Survey and Subcommittee Reports)
7. Other items/announcements:
 - We will meet once more to discuss SST Survey feedback and plan for next year.
 - Pick One update: Will be housed within the Office of Student Life; waiting on assessment data; will use a strong advisory committee format to help guide
 - Marcella noted that a Disability Action Committee will be forming, as well as a group oriented towards Veteran's. These will likely have relevance to SST and Marcella will keep us posted as to potential collaborations.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Hansen
SST Coordinator