

MINUTES

MEETING OF AMP – STUDENT CENTERED SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 1:30 p.m., Todd Building, Room 227

Present: Marva Lucas, Hailey Horton, Philip Phillips, Diane Turnham, Cosette Collier, Bud Fischer, Stephen A. Bartos,

Review and Discuss Strategic Directions and Objectives for Goal II

This committee began reviewing the Strategic Directions and the goals of the Academic Master Plan (AMP) for Goal II - Student Centered Learning. Committee members were asked to review the material prior to the meeting and to determine for each objective whether it had been implemented, partially implemented or not implemented. Additionally, it was determined if the objectives need to be revised or be removed and new objectives generated. The complete Academic Master Plan Report is available on the Academic Affairs web page at <http://www.mtsu.edu/provost/masterplan/amp.pdf>. The updates can be found at <http://www.mtsu.edu/provost/AMP12-13.pdf>. This report includes yearly updates for each objective and identifies those that have been met.

- **Review AMP Data**

The requested data related to EXL and study abroad was presented to the committee and discussed prior to evaluating the related strategic goals and objectives.

- **Discussion of Specific Strategic Directions and Objectives:**

- **Strategic Directions 1 and objectives 1 – EXL Scholars Program**

- The committee, after looking at the data provided, felt that the EXL Scholars Program was partially to fully implemented and needed to be rewritten.
- The data has shown a continued increase in the number of departments involved, courses approved, number of students taking EXL courses and number of students graduating as EXL Scholars.
- The committee would like to see the definition and what is considered to be an EXL activity clarified.
- The committee would like to see an intentional effort to increase the number of EXL courses and departments involved, while also rewarding faculty and departments who have engaged in the program.

- Need to do a better job informing students of the importance of the EXL program in their being able to attain employment in the future.
- In developing more EXL opportunities, need to involve future employers to ensure that we are offering pertinent opportunities for our students.
- How is success of this program measured, and how do we compare to other EXL programs?
- **Strategic Directions 1 and objectives 2 – Scholarship**
 - The committee felt that this objective had been partially implemented and should be maintained as written.
 - The committee felt we have done a number of good things such as Scholars Day and the development of an undergraduate research grant program.
 - Need to continue to develop programs that include funding to enhance the graduate experience on campus.
 - There is a campus need to expand the undergraduate research center and the opportunities offered by the center.
 - The college should play a role in helping to foster increased scholarship at MTSU.
- **Strategic Directions 1 and objectives 3 – Global Opportunities**
 - The committee felt that this objective had been partially implemented but needed to be expanded and enhanced in the next plan.
 - The university should consider developing a Global Certificate Program.
 - Need to expand opportunities not just globally but also include learning opportunities in the states, such as becoming a part of National Student Exchange.
 - Need to increase financial support for students interested in taking advantage of these types of opportunities.

- Also need to develop more strategic ways to communicate the opportunities available to the students starting with the incoming freshmen.
 - Need to enhance cultural events on campus to increase our students' understanding of diversity.
 - Need to investigate ways to make these types of opportunities critical parts of requirements of majors.
- **Strategic Directions 1 and objectives 4 – Co-Curricular Activities**
 - The committee felt that this objective had been partially implemented and that there have been good strides made to increase opportunities for students to get involved.
 - Also need to develop more strategic ways to communicate the opportunities available to the students.
 - Develop a system that ties all student activities into a cohesive unit that can be given to potential employers, such as getting more students to use MyMT.
 - Increase both social and academic programming to engage students in on-campus events.
 - Expand the calendar to inform the campus of events.
 - **Strategic Directions 2 and objectives 1 – Professionals Program**
 - The committee felt that this objective had not been implemented and should be maintained as an objective but expanded.
 - There seemed to be no real program in place at this time and no coordinated effort to use alumni and professionals in various disciplines.
 - Need to expand the use of career center to develop students that are ready for career opportunities.
 - Increase number of career fairs.
 - Develop career mentoring using the skills of faculty and staff.

Dr. Fischer's office will contact committee members to schedule the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

We ended the meeting with a three word phrase that should be considered when making changes and that phrase is Coordination, Expectation, and Communication.

The next meet is scheduled for Friday, April 25th at 1:00 in Todd Rm. 227.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Fischer