

Task Force on Global Education
April 24th, 2008

Present: Todd Sullivan, Blase Scarnati, Rick Brandel, Pete Fulé, Kathleen Smalldon, Neil Goodell, Karen Plager, Harvey Charles, Tom DeStefano, Sara Sullivan

Absent: Michael Vincent, David Schlosberg, Shelley Silbert, Mary Lane-Kelso, Jeanne Olson, Susan Johnstad, Ramona Mellot, Eck Doerry, Otto Hansen, Mayor Joe Donaldson

Minutes:

Tom began the meeting asking that the chairs of each subcommittee make a report to the group. In addition to the report, both the Faculty Subcommittee and Infrastructure/Development Subcommittee will present their recommendations. Tom spoke briefly of the process of the recommendations to the task force. Within the next year, subcommittees should work to create recommendations to the task force. The timeline will be different for each subcommittee. For example, the Curriculum Subcommittee may take longer than the rest of the subcommittees. After the subcommittees have submitted their recommendations, the task force will revise, consolidate, and edit these recommendations. The finalized version will then be submitted to the Provost and the President. In addition, they will be given to the Faculty Senate, Academic Chairs Council, Deans, and the Presidents Cabinet. The task force may also choose to work out timelines or strategies for implementation of the recommendations.

Blase Scarnati– Curriculum Subcommittee

Blase said that the Curriculum Subcommittee has had several meetings within the last few weeks based around the three themes of the task force: global education, diversity/multicultural education, and environmental sustainability. During the meetings, members brainstormed lists of student learning outcomes. These outcomes are based on student's knowledge, skills, and dispositions. Two meetings were based around global and diversity/multicultural education. During these meetings, the group came up with 24 student learning outcomes and then categorized these outcomes. During two other meetings, based around global education and environmental sustainability, the group came up with 15 student learning outcomes. Blase hopes that the entire Curriculum Subcommittee can meet for a half day retreat the week before the first week of classes in the fall.

Rick asked if there were other entities represented within the subcommittee other than members of the task force. Blase said that there is also representation from faculty and the co-curriculum for the total educational experience.

Todd Sullivan – Community Engagement Subcommittee

Todd said that since the last time the general task force met, the Community Engagement Subcommittee has had some input from Mayor Joe Donaldson. The group identified some areas of community engagement that recommendations could come from. These areas are Information and Awareness, Education, Cultural Interaction, Sustainability, and Economic Development. More time will most likely be devoted to the economic development area. The group will then flesh out specific recommendations in terms of activities and resources. They hope to have recommendations to the task force by early fall.

Rick Brandel – Student Development Subcommittee

Rick said that the Student Development Subcommittee had their first meeting and Harvey provided the group with an overview of the international and study abroad populations. There are currently 450 international students at NAU. Compared to other institutions the size of NAU, NAU should have about 5% of the student population consist of international students, totaling about 700 students. Some reasons why these numbers should be higher are because NAU has lower tuition and broad range of majors at the undergraduate level. There are also low numbers of international graduate students due to non-competitive graduate packages. The Center for International Education has signed contracts with Hong Kong Baptist University and Murdoch University (Australia) to help increase graduate student numbers. Also, there are currently small numbers of NAU students studying abroad. We hope to increase that number to 350 students studying abroad per semester. Rick also mentioned that the subcommittee could work with student government to include a \$1 student fee. This fee would go towards study abroad scholarships. They also hope to have recommendations to the task force by early fall.

Karen Plager – Faculty Subcommittee

Karen presented the Faculty Subcommittee's recommendations. She also mentioned that upon looking at the Infrastructure/Development Subcommittee's recommendations, there is some overlap. She then proceeded to read through the recommendations. She pointed out that the subcommittee decided to separate out points 1.2 and 1.3.

Blase mentioned that he finds the fourth point, *A reward structure at NAU will encourage and support faculty to engage in international research, teaching, and service as well as incorporate global perspectives into courses*, to be very important. He also suggested including scholarship in addition to teaching and service. He also mentioned Boyer's Model of Scholarship. Karen said that perhaps she can add in Boyer's Model of Scholarship within an introduction paragraph. Todd also added that we could add in consulting work along with service.

Karen said that the committee will continue to refine the recommendations as other subcommittees submit their own recommendations. Harvey added that until the task force formalizes the final recommendations, each subcommittee's recommendations are open to comment. The recommendations will be sent out to the entire task force and they will also be put on the CIE website and open to public comment.

Kathleen Smalldon – Infrastructure/Development Subcommittee

Kathleen presented the Infrastructure/Development Subcommittee's recommendations. The recommendations are structured to also include context behind the issues and also objectives related to these issues. She added that the recommendations are a working document and that it will continue to be refined as other subcommittees submit their recommendations. She then read through the subcommittee's recommendations. She added that she spoke with development officers from USC and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. These development officers work specifically to raise funds for international initiatives. She also mentioned that Shelley Silbert is looking into the Alumni Relations database to help solicit potential donors. She is looking specifically for international alumni.

Due to the limited time during the meeting, the task force decided to send out both the Infrastructure/Development and Faculty Subcommittee recommendations to the entire group. Any feedback on the recommendations will go the chairs of those subcommittees.