

Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2009, 8:00 to 9:30 am
Collegiate Restructuring Steering Committee

Present:

Jeff Bauer
John Bryan, chair
Russel Durst
Grace Eptstein
Frank Gerner
Gil Hageman
Larry Johnson
Beth McGrew
Caroline Miller
Don O'Meara
Paul Phillips
Richard Puff
Tina Whalen

Absent:

Janice Denton
Valerie Hardcastle
Daniel Langmeyer
Jim McDonough
Jim Plummer
Ruth Anne Van Loon

Announced Agenda:

1. Consideration of the report of the Uptown-Regional Campuses Subcommittee
2. Update on Sports Administration & Facilities/Hospitality Management discussions
3. Initial review of current recommendations and outstanding issues

Discussion:

Consideration of the Report of the Uptown-Regional Campuses Subcommittee

The CRSC discussed the report submitted by the subcommittee and committee members offered these observations:

- ▶ Going forward, the University will need to closely plan the financial features of the baccalaureate outreach to the regional venues, including the market analyses needed to determine what programs are likely to succeed, the fee structure for lower- and upper-division courses, the fronting of funding for initial development of some baccalaureate programs at regional venues, and the consideration of the academic expectations of students at regional venues. In short, the group(s) charged with implementation will have significant work to do.
- ▶ The report's Appendix A, the "Provost's Guidelines for the Approval of 300- and 400-level courses at RWC and Clermont," should be revised to recognize the new role that both the

Uptown and regional colleges will have under the Baccalaureate Pathways model. O'Meara and Johnson supported a revision that replaced the first two bullet points in the appendix with this language:

- The appropriate baccalaureate college may offer a course at a regional campus in cooperation with the regional campus through a modified Residence Credit Center model that will be aligned with PBB.
- If a baccalaureate college chooses not to offer a particular 300- or 400-level course at the regional campus, the regional-campus faculty may submit a proposal to the Provost Office to offer the course. The proposal must include a statement that the deans of the regional college and of the relevant baccalaureate college have reviewed and discussed the proposal and concur with the proposal. All approved new offerings at the branches must align in numbering and content with 300- and 400-level offerings in the 4-year colleges unless the courses is designed exclusively for a technical associate or baccalaureate degree.
- ▶ The report's Appendix B, "Technical Baccalaureate Programs: Approval Process," describes a process developed at RWC. It should be more clearly described as specific to RWC and only an example; some of its language needs clarification.
- ▶ The recommendations need two refinements: The role of the ACC should be added to #7, and #9 should add "and assessment" after "...promoting curricular continuity."

At the end of the discussion, the committee voted (10 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention) to accept the report, pending the revisions described above.

Update on Sports Administration & Facilities/Hospitality Management Discussions

Bryan updated the committee on the status of discussions regarding the programs in the CAS Business & Commerce Department. The workgroup that had worked on the issue earlier will be expanded due to the newly expressed interest of the College of Business. The group will include the following or their designees: Jeff Bauer, Connie Cooper, Larry Johnson, Ralph Katerberg, Marlene Miner, Rita Taylor, Brad Wilson. Due to summer schedules, the group will not likely meet until mid-August.

Postscript: On July 30, Bryan advised the committee by e-mail that the Provost's Office intends to add the disposition of the CAS Culinary Arts & Science program to the charge of this committee and therefore will add to the committee a small number of people with knowledge of that program.

Initial Review of Current Recommendations and Outstanding Issues

Bryan had prepared a comprehensive list of the recommendations contained in the four subcommittees' reports and in the CRSC interim report. The list's purpose is to pull together a clear, direct expression of all CRSC recommendations to date. Such a list would also help focus on those recommendations that should change as a result of the initiative's evolution, especially the Uptown/Regional Subcommittee's decision not to recommend unitary departments.

Consideration of the list began with the AHS/SSW merger. The members made several observations:

- ▶ The first recommendation, that the School and College merge, should be moved to the end of the section with a condition added: The merger should occur *if* the other issues listed are addressed.
- ▶ References to a strategic plan should instead describe a comprehensive plan that includes issues of space, facilities, finances, and faculty.
- ▶ At least some members believe that the recommendations requiring new funds should stipulate that the Central Administration should provide those funds.
- ▶ By far, the longest point of discussion revolved around the premise of the subcommittee's work: That the only college into which SSW might be merged is AHS. Johnson argued that the CECH should have been considered. Durst, a co-chair of the subcommittee, explained that the subcommittee's charge clearly limited the scope of consideration. Whalen explained some of the origins of AHS's choice as a destination. With the meeting time expired, the issue was tabled for further discussion on August 5.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 8:00, 220 Van Wormer