
Members Absent: Anthony Akubue, John Burgeson, Monica Devers, Diana Lawson, Debra Leigh, Karen Lindgren, Michele Mumm, Mahmoud Saffari, Margaret Villanueva, Daniel Wildeson


Meeting Minutes: The November 5, 2009 minutes were approved with one change recommended by Mark Jaede. As FA President, Jaede reiterated that the FA’s position is that Lean groups are regarded as committees and as such are subject to appointment as outlined in the IFO contract. The minutes were approved by consensus with the change.

Additional Agenda Item: Diana Burlison reported that there will be a presentation on campus December 3, 2009, by Larry Goldstein of Campus Strategies. Mr. Goldstein will present background information about aligning strategic decisions with resources and start a conversation about the elements and implications of Responsibility Center Management. He will be meeting with the Management Team in the afternoon on December 4 and there is the possibility that the Strategic Planning Committee could be invited to meet with him. There is a SPC meeting scheduled for December 3 but the meeting may be cancelled to allow people to participate in the Larry Goldstein sessions. A decision will be made about the December 3 meeting and committee members will be notified by email.

Sub-group Progress Reports and Updates

Core Values: The Core Values SPC sub-group is in the process of gathering documents to see which ones already state the values of St. Cloud State University. The intent is not to create new core values but to review what is already in existence. It is anticipated that the sub-group will have a rough list of documents and values by the end of spring semester. They are also working on the development of a recommendation for small team to conduct a qualitative analysis of existing documents. If any SPC members are aware of documents that would be of value for this review, they should contact any of the sub-group members. The sub-group will also be working on the estimate of time involved and what kind of financial support is needed/available. The next step will be for the sub-group to bring the core values to the SPC and come forward with a plan.

Institutional Measures: The Institutional Measures sub-group met on November 18. They are making good progress and are drafting a process and looking at recommendations on how to
move forward. A more in-depth report identifying resource indicators will be available at the next SPC meeting.

**SCSU Online Council Charge:** The sub-group met and reviewed materials, including the draft online document brought to SPC last year, the charge for the online work group, and a document approved by Senate in fall 2008, listing faculty concerns about online education. J. Kilborn said that list of concerns had been presented by the Faculty Association in 2008 with the intention that it be shared with the online work group. There was discussion about linkage with other plans, work load, faculty compensation for online courses and quality of instruction, and how faculty are appointed and paid for doing online courses and how that will impact instruction.

After a review of the original charge, the subgroup determined that not all of the things that were in the original charge for the online work group were present in the draft online plan that came before SPC last year. Clarification is needed about what needs to be addressed. J. Eggers stated that the sub-group may need to step back from the charge for the Online Council, take a broader look, and possibly come up with another charge as well as recommendations for changes in the membership of the Council (like students and members of bargaining units that support online education).

J. Kilborn stated that there seems to be some difference of opinion on SPC's actions last year concerning the online plan. The recommendation of the SPC last year was that an online council be formed and that the first task of the council be to revise the document. J. Palmer, who was the maker of the motion, agreed that this had been his motion last year, which was agreed upon by the consensus of SPC. The document presented last year at SPC required significant revision, and it was the intent of the motion that this Council be formed and undertake the revision of the online plan as an essential part of its charge. This task is not included in the Online Council's charge, and it needs to be added. We need to go back to the first step to be taken, which is the formation of a council to have a transparent process. We need to have a conversation at the next SPC meeting regarding the formation of the council.

**NSSE Analysis (Kim Oren):** Kim Oren did a presentation on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) 2009 analysis that he completed. The primary reason for this research project is based on the vast research literature on college student outcomes, research on what makes some college students have a better outcome than other students. He identified five benchmark levels of effective educational practices: (a) level of academic challenge, (b) active and collaborative learning, (c) student/faculty interaction, (d) enriching educational experiences, and (e) supportive campus environment. The number of NSSE completers has increased in recent years. Feedback needs to be reviewed to determine what we can do to improve positive outcomes and we need to know how the respondents are representative of all the students. The IR office manages the survey and data is collected there. One way the SPC might be able to help is in identifying what other information we need to look at next to this to obtain a better picture. Are there studies that have been done? The results of the survey will be posted to the website. If you have any input or recommendations, please share them with Kim Oren or Amos Olagunju.

It is important to have recommendations from the Enrollment Management Committee to share information and to get information to faculty on any items related directly to faculty.
**Strategic Program Appraisal Discussion:** Strategic Program Appraisal is being brought back to the SPC for additional discussion because the SPC’s part on this project will be in February. This is a new request of the SPC as the committee has not previously served in this kind of capacity. It was recommended that a portion of the January meeting be devoted to agreeing on a process on how to do the work the committee has been charged with. L. Foss reported that all documents will be public documents and will make sure that the SPC receives all documents January 8, 2010; it is up to the committee to structure/implement how it will be presented. J. Kilborn stated that as faculty members it is important that the process be open. J. Palmer expressed concerns with the timeline and recommended a meeting of the SPC immediately after the January 28, 2010 deadline. The SPC is scheduled to meet on January 28, 2010 and it will be an agenda item.

**IPEDS Feedback Report:** St. Cloud State University is a member of IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) and each year the University receives an analysis from IPEDS. The report compares data provided by SCSU in 2008-2009 through IPEDS to data for a similar group of institutions. Page 9 of the report provides the list of the comparison group. SPC members were asked to review the document for discussion at the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

**Schedule: Spring Semester 2009**
- January 14, 2010; 10am-12 pm, Glacier, Atwood
- January 28, 2010; 10am-12pm, Glacier, Atwood
- February 11, 2010; 10am-12pm, Cascade Room, Atwood
- February 25, 2010; 10am-12pm, Glacier, Atwood
- March 18, 2010; 10am-12pm, Glacier, Atwood
- March 25, 2010; 10am-12pm, Granite, Atwood
- April 8, 2010; 10am-12pm, TBD
- April 22, 2010; 10am-12 pm, Cascade Room, Atwood