

## **General Faculty Organization Meeting**

November 1, 2007, 11:30 am, UW1 020

**Chair:** Mike Stiber

**Panel:** Mike Stiber, Bill Erdly, Alan Wood

**Present:** Mike Stiber, Cherry Banks, Mary Baroni, Bruce Burgett, Bill Erdly, Cynthia Fugate, Munehiro Fukuda, David Goldberg, Chuck Jackels, Mark Kochanski, Gray Kochhar-Lindgren, Steve Holland, Linda Watts and Alan Wood.

Mike, Bill Erdly and Alan Wood presented a preliminary outline of the academic planning process that the UW SIS working group has drafted for a final report and opened discussion on the SIS campus.

Mike, Bill Erdly and Alan Wood serve on the SIS working group along with Chancellor Chan.

### **GFO discussion**

- One of the metrics that the Legislature looks at is how to get students through a 4-year program in the shortest time; with polytechnic programs there is a longer time to degree, what pathways have been identified to help prepare students?
- 1<sup>st</sup> generation college students might need more time to consider alternative majors.
- K - 16 pathways must be strengthened.
- Only undergraduate programs have been discussed, we learned that not having graduate degrees available can result in problems in enrollment, recruitment (student and faculty) and commitment to the institution.
- The new campus must be adequately funded to provide a successful academic experience for students and faculty.
- Multiple strategies are needed to ensure that enrollments would meet the State's demand.
- We are entering into a national recruiting landscape; this recruitment must be built on a strong Arts & Sciences core.
- How are we conceptualizing STEM? There seems to be administrative categories and disciplinary categories.  
The K-12 initiative must happen at UWB now to support math and science pathways.
- UWB Nursing now has 2 cohorts in northern Snohomish County. One of the challenges in the Mt. Vernon cohort is access to support resources on campus. The greatest need to access for higher education for students is north of Everett.
- The communication loop needs to be developed, if UWB is partnering with an interim site in 2008 as the report states, how has this been communicated to faculty at UWB?
- Short-term alternatives cannot only offer classes; we need to provide other educational resources (e.g. library).
- UWB needs a plan - how will we grow and serve our students under this new scenario?
- Planning at UWB should go forward, STEM and other program planning.
- UWB expansion can add STEM, EE, ME, CE, Biotech, math, science and other programs; we cannot limit our strategic planning.

- UWB should go forward with planning for labs and residential housing.
- The idea of the UW as a multi-campus system can benefit all the campuses.
- Other universities have successful multi-campus systems with similar new campuses: UMich Flint, Rutgers, Camden; we can study these models.
- We can look at developing a state-wide mission - address the inequities in education in Washington State.
- Should the alternative numbering in the report reflect our order of preference?
- The graphical design implies rank ordering (read left to right, top to bottom) and puts the green box last, next to an alternative that is not favored.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant