

Academic Programs and New Initiatives Task Force
Friday, February 27, 2009
6 PM – 9 PM
Westin Edina Galleria

MEETING #4 WEB SUMMARY

Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

Chair Becky Bergman welcomed the group and noted that the objective of meeting #4 was to review the strategic plans of academic departments and programs and to begin drafting recommendations around the topic of “investing in the curriculum.”

Review of Framework for Discussion on the Curriculum

Provost Mary E. Morton reviewed the topics framework to discuss the curriculum. This framework represents the first attempt at pulling out the emerging themes and potential recommendations from the department/program strategic plans.

Task Force members divided into sub-groups to review and discuss:

- Investing in the sciences
- Investing in the humanities
- Investing in the visual and performing arts
- Investing in the pre-professional programs and the Library
- Investing in the social sciences

Small Group Discussion and Drafting Recommendations

Members reviewed the academic department/program strategic plans assigned to their sub-group as they considered the following questions:

- Are the topics listed in the discussion framework the right topics?
- Does the discussion framework reflect input of department recommendations?
- What else needs to be brought forward as a recommendation?
- How can we frame initiatives/recommendations that will support a transformational curriculum?
- What will bring/sustain academic excellence?

Recommendation Writing and Sharing

Subgroups received assignments to complete drafts of recommendations.

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, April 3 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at Gustavus, includes dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Gustavus, includes dinner at 5:30 p.m.