

Community Engagement Task Force
November 15, 2008
Gustavus Adolphus College, Board Room
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Meeting #1 Web Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Chair, Karin Stone welcomed the group, members introduced themselves, and meeting guidelines were discussed.

Gustavus Overview

Facilitator, Hank Toutain provided an overview of the current state of the college, commenting most on areas of most relevance to the Task Force.

Commission Gustavus 150 Overview

Karin provided overview of the purpose of Commission Gustavus 150, the scope of the Task Force work, timeline, and process.

In small groups members discussed an example of successful community engagement from outside their Gustavus experience. Focusing on what made these events or organizations success that can be modeled for Gustavus.

Working Lunch Presentations

Learning and Living Communities Working Group – Charlie Strey, director of Residential Life
Service Learning and Community Service Working Group – John Clementson, faculty in Education

Characteristics of Success

During the exercise in which Task Force members were asked to comment upon the characteristics of excellent examples of community engagement, the following emerged:

- * The integration of college and community, shared ownership
- * Purposeful work that makes sense
- * Passionate leadership
- * Multiple entry points
- * Reciprocity
- * Sustainability

Ideas and Questions Discussion

The group shared initial thoughts and questions regarding the work of the Task Force.