

Community Engagement Task Force

February 21, 2009
Gustavus Adolphus College, Heritage Room
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Meeting #3 WEB Summary

Welcome / Overview of Meeting Objective

Chair Karin Stone welcomed the group and reviewed the purpose of the meeting: to generate additional ideas and begin to draft recommendations to fulfill the charge of the Community Engagement Task Force.

Summarize/Follow Up to Meeting #2

Facilitator Hank Toutain reviewed definitions of Service Learning and Community Engagement.

Commission Gustavus 150 Update

Karin brought to the group's attention the recent email to all Commission 150 members which provided a summary of the ideas generated at the National Summit Meetings.

Outside Perspectives – Prospective Students Discussion

@15 Overview

John Hallberg provided background information regarding the @15 initiative at Best Buy which directs philanthropy efforts toward 15-year old boys and girls. The group watched a brief video, (available on the Best Buy website at http://at15.com/about_at_15) of the program.

Outside Perspectives – Books

Discussion of ideas from the two assigned reading books relate to the work of the Task Force.

The Spirit of Service: Exploring Faith, Service, and Social Justice in Higher Education.

Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits

Outside Perspectives – Current Students

Dave Newell, Program Director for Gustavus Community Service Center introduced three current students; Brent Suski, '09; Christine Grotjohn, '09; and Rebekah Schulz, '10

Begin Drafting Recommendations

The task force members were paired in groups of two and assigned ideas to work into drafts of recommendations

Next meeting of the Community Engagement Task Force

Thursday, April 23

9 AM – 3 PM

At Gustavus