

# ***GUSTAVUS COMMISSION 150***

## **FAITH TASK FORCE**

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Reviewing Strategic Initiative #4 to create measurable recommendations to the Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees on ways to integrate, expand and implement the College's Strategic Plan.

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**

**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Jackson Campus Center, Banquet Room  
Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter**

### **Meeting #3 Summary**

#### **Welcome and Group Introductions**

#### **Talking about Faith**

The meeting began by talking in small groups about faith. The questions had the member reflect upon: Where were you in your faith when you were 18-22? In what ways was your faith strong? In what ways was it not strong? And how has it changed?

#### **Review Prior Meetings/Process**

First meeting: Introduction of resources on campus; groundwork.

Second meeting: Clothesline (brainstorming of ideas and recommendations)

#### **Ideas List Overview**

Ideas from previous meetings were categorized under the Strategic Initiatives assigned to the group and further sorted by similar theme. Members reviewed the ideas to merge duplicates and look for gaps.

#### **Idea Focusing Exercise**

Groups placed sticker dots next to the ideas they believed were most important to bring to the Board of Trustees in the form of recommendations for action and/or funding.

#### **Drafting of Recommendations**

The group began the process of drafting recommendations. Below is a listing of the Strategic Initiative and the over-arching category of ideas.

4.1 Challenge all students to develop a mature understanding of Christian faith and a deeper sense of vocation and reflective practice.

Academics

Intra-Christian

Nurturing faith among Christian students (institutionally/structurally)

Public display and statements of church-relatedness

Reflective practice

Service and social justice

Vocation

4.2 Develop and sustain an interfaith culture and habits of interfaith dialogue.

Academics

Intra-faith and Inter-Christian dialogue

Providing support for Non-ELCA Christians and Non-Christians

Public Inter-Faith awareness and dialogue

Service and justice

Vocation and reflection practices

4.3 Develop Gustavus's relationship to regional, national, and international Lutheran congregations as centers of faith and lifelong learning and venues for learning, artistic performance, and student recruitment.

Academics

Alumni/parishioners supported and engaged

Communication

Inter-Faith and Intra-Christian

Pastors support