

Global and Multicultural Initiatives Task Force

November 10, 2008

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Gustavus Adolphus College, Heritage Room

Meeting #1

Web Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Chair, Ardena Flippin welcomed the group and led introductions of Task Force members.

Overview

The group received an overview of Commission Gustavus 150, reviewed and discussed the charge of the Task Force, and group norms, timeline, approach, and process that will be used.

Background Information

The group reviewed several of the information readings provided and information about current initiatives at Gustavus.

Group Discussion

The group discussed questions or thoughts that immediately came to mind as they consider the charge to the Task Force, strengths of current initiatives on campus to build upon, and new ideas?

Emerging themes

- Curriculum and approach to academics
- Learning outside the classroom
- Diversity of religion, sexual preference, politics, disabilities, economics and more
- Faculty development
- Recruitment, orientation, and retention of students, faculty, and staff
- Leadership and organizational structure, broad institutional policies/statements
- Community and/or K-12 collaborations
- Study abroad
- Alumni opportunities

Many thoughts gathered around intentionally and systematically creating a positive campus philosophy/climate, building partnerships in the community, opportunities within the curriculum and classroom, need to support faculty development, and recruitment of students and employees.