Student Life Task Force

November 22, 2008 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Gustavus Adolphus College, Board Room

Meeting #1 Web Summary

Welcome and Introductions

Chair, Jan Michaletz, welcomed the group and led introductions and sharing one word to describe student life at Gustavus such as independence, social and spiritual growth, self-discovery, community, caring.

Gustavus Overview

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

Commission Gustavus 150 Overview

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

Ideas Discussion Regarding Student Life Charge

In small groups members gathered ideas and questions relating to the Strategic Initiatives from the Student Life Task Force charge.

What big ideas rise to the top?

What questions arise?

Where is more data needed?

What transformation possibilities are in each area?

Working Lunch Presentations

Presentation by Steve Bennett from the Dean of Students Office regarding the Leadership Development Working Group

Presentation by Jeff Stocco from the Career Center regarding Engaged Student Learning

Questions and Topics for Future Discussions

- Recruitment/market distinction
- Student development
- Supporting students
- Funding/spending
- Defining the Gustavus product
- Outside classroom learning
- Orientation/training for students, faculty, and staff
- Leadership