

Engaged Learning and Collaboration

The group did introductions and handled some logistical issues. It was decided that we would remain an intact working group rather than subdivide into the two strategic planning areas. We will meet on every other Thursday from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Location is TBA. Next meeting is September 23, 2010.

The group reviewed and considered the specific tenets under Engaged Learning and Collaboration and decided that the following were our priorities in year one of implementation:

1. Meet the demands of the global society by developing students' writing and other communication skills, critical and creative thinking, quantitative and scientific reasoning, and information and technology literacy in both undergraduate and graduate education. (Engaged Learning, Student Learning, bullet #2)
2. Effective communication is the foundation for building collaboration. The University will develop a communication plan and strategies that will institutionalize regular, ongoing communication. The communication plan will include methods and strategies to assess effectiveness. As part of this initiative the University will continuously improve its website to serve the needs of current students and their parents, faculty, staff, and future students. (Collaboration bullets 1&2)
3. Strengthen and provide the university infrastructure and student experiences to enhance and enrich students' academic, social, and personal skills to succeed as university students. Particular attention and resources should be devoted to first year student academic success. (Engaged Learning, Student Experiences, bullet # 2)

At the next meeting we will take up the task of discussing the selected tenets further and developing the corresponding action plans. Full minutes of the discussion from our first meeting will be provided at our meeting on the 23rd.