

Northland Pioneer College
Strategic Planning and Accreditation Steering Committee (SPASC)
05-07-10

Members in attendance: Russell Dickerson, Andrew Hassard, Blaine Hatch, Sandy Johnson,
Mary Mathias, Debbie Myers, Mark Vest

Advisory members in attendance: Trudy Bender, Eric Bishop, Eric Henderson, Ann Hess, Cindy
Hildebrand

Guests: Hallie Lucas (recorder), Karalea Kowren

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of 04-16-10 Minutes
 - i. Russell moved to approve 04-16-10 as presented; seconded by Sandy.
 - ii. Unanimously approved.
- II. Action: Strategic Plan to President
 - a. Dr. Swarouth will present the Strategic Plan to the NPC District Governing Board in May so they can approve it in June.
 - b. The Strategic Plan was sent out to all NPC on 04-22-10 and it included the Presidential Strategic Initiatives.
 - i. Only one comment came in regarding the plan and it was very positive.
 - c. Andrew made a motion that we approve the current version of the Strategic Plan; seconded by Russell.
 - i. Discussion: The glossary was moved to the end of the plan.
 - ii. Unanimously approved.
- III. Discussion: Planning Fall 2010 for SPASC
 - a. This meeting is our last one for the semester and the last one of the academic year.
 - b. The first meeting of the new academic year will be 09-03-10.
 - c. One of the goals of the Presidential Strategic Initiatives is that SPASC will make a recommendation on which accreditation path NPC should select.
 - i. SPASC will research Open Pathways and AQIP, including budget implications.
 1. A good timeline for SPASC to complete this recommendation includes:
 - a. Summer – SPASC members encouraged to look at AQIP (if time allows)
 - b. September - research models
 - c. October and November - further discussion and iron out details
 - d. December – recommendation to the President
 - ii. Discussion regarding which path to select included:
 1. At this point, Eric B. and Jeanne are in favor of Open Pathways.
 2. Mary noted that she does not think we can be ready for AQIP at this time.

3. Eric B. said that many schools find AQIP to be a drastic change.
4. Eric B. noted that the Open Pathways model is not officially firmed up yet, and it is designed to replace the PEAQ model that we are currently under.
 - a. Open Pathways discussion included:
 - i. Project will need to be started quickly
 - ii. Projects ideas include:
 1. Build out of distance learning and Student Services delivery, including the potential use of Adobe Connect
 2. Assessment plan for assessment of student services' support of student learning
 - iii. Several of the Presidential Strategic Initiatives may be able to be included in one project
 - iv. There may be the need to a Director of Institutional Effectiveness
 - d. Next Spring, SPASC will need to revise the Strategic Plan and Eric B. would like us to give more time for NPC employees to look it over and comment.
 - e. Mark noted that for the long term the budgeting process and the Strategic Planning process need to be tied together more closely together and should include an established timeframe.
 - i. There may be a need for a pre-budget meeting or retreat in the Fall.

IV. Other

- a. Trudy noted that under 5.3.4 of the proposed Strategic Plan, instead of saying HLC Web site it should say NPC Archives site. It was agreed that this change was previously discussed and should be reflected in the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan.
- b. Sandy stated that she has enjoyed being on SPASC this year.
- c. Motion made by Andrew to adjourn; seconded by Sandy.
 - i. Unanimously approved.