

**“Hell, there are no rules here. We’re trying to accomplish something”
Thomas A. Edison, 1847-1931**

Northland Pioneer College
Strategic Planning & Academic Steering Committee (SPASC)
Teleconference
November 3, 2006

Meeting Summary

In attendance: Donna Ashcraft, Jeanne Swarthout, Mark Vest, Curtis Casey, Pat Canary, Rose Kreher (sect’y)

- Minutes from the October 6 meeting could not be approved for lack of a quorum.
- Jeanne said that Pres. Orr OK’d the SPASC recommendation to use Basecamp as its coordination tool and means of inter-committee communications. It should be setup by November 15, and Eric Bishop will do some training for SPASC and subcommittees on its use at the January 12 convocation break out sessions.
- Subcommittee reports:
 - Criterion 1-Mission & Organization (Blaine Hatch, chair):
 - Has not yet met
 - Criterion 2-Future Focus (Mark Vest, chair):
 - Has met once, guidelines have been distributed; members trying to arrange a regular meeting schedule
 - Criterion 3-Learning Leadership (Eric Henderson, chair):
 - Not yet met
 - Criterion 4-Inquiry & Applications (Leslie Collins, chair; Donna Ashcraft, advisor)
 - Has met several times; has materials it wishes to post on the IntraWeb to seek comment
 - Criterion 5-Connections (Candy Howard, chair; Curtis Casey, advisor)
 - Scheduled to meet toward end of the month; Curtis has some ideas for discussion
 - Communication subcommittee (Dave Smith, chair)
 - The group met once; Jeanne gave the charge to the committee:
 - "Disseminate vital information regarding strategic planning and accreditation to the college to promote awareness and participation in tasks and activities."
 - The group will probably meet virtually toward the end of November to decide on the best method of communication
 - Data subcommittee
 - The group has met once; they have recommended the adoption of a short version of SAIS (Dr. Balsley produces SAIS data subsets that can be plugged in this more user-friendly version).
 - The group reviewed appropriate HLC criteria
- The next meeting of SPASC is set for Friday, December 1, 11:30-1, Video 1
 - Roadmap for Accreditation, Bridge Plan and New Initiatives will be at the next meeting