

Northland Pioneer College
Strategic Planning & Accreditation Steering Committee
June 8, 2006
PDC/Audio Room

Attendees: Mark Vest; Nettie Klingler, guest; Cindy Hildebrand; Pat Canary; Eric Henderson; Janet Hunter; Blaine Hatch; Donna Ashcraft; Jeanne Swarthout; Bill Grindstaff; Rose Kreher, sect'y; Mira White, presenter.

Mira White presented an overview demonstration of the new SmartBoards being installed in the audio classrooms at all centers and campuses.

The group discussed SPASC subcommittee replacements for staff and faculty who have left the college. **Other than the main committee, these are tentative until confirmed at subsequent meetings.**

SPASC (Main)

– Add Janet Hunter as NPC Faculty Association President (replaces Schoening); change titles for Jeanne, Eric

Criterion 1-- Mission and Organization

- Replace director of marketing with a dean (possibly Peggy Belknap)
- Change student representative role by adding current student or alumni (retain Peter Parent)

Criterion 2 -- Future Focus

- Add Nettie Klingler, Director of Institutional Research
- Possibly replace student rep. (Members of SGA first meeting of the year in August will elect reps.)
- Dean of Workforce development is on this committee – ask where she'd like to serve

Criterion 3 – Learning Leadership

- Dawn Johnson to replace Scott Burt as faculty member (He has work schedule problems)
- Vicki Own to replace Marva Fellows
- Student rep change

Criterion 4 – Inquiry and Applications

- Replace Student rep.
- Delete one faculty member position if group is okay with it

Criterion 5 – Connections

- Replace Gregory position with new Director of Enrollment Services

- Need a dean to replace Mike Spangler (interim dean appointment probably not workable)
- Mark will visit w/student rep to see if still willing
- Director of Human Resources (in place of Director of Marketing)

Communications Team

- Director of Marketing (chair)
- Replace Janet Turrietta with new S/E Center mgr.
- Add Mira White in at-large spot

Data Team

- Nettie Klingler, chair
- Jim Jacob (Possible), faculty
- Carolyn Pecotte, advisor
- John Chapin, webmaster
- Phil Wills, faculty in CIS

Rose reported updating some SharePoint memberships:

- Gave administrator rights to Janet Hunter
- Deleted Marva Fellows, Brian McLane, Mike Spangler, Janet Turrietta, Ben Schoening, David Hansen
- Added as new member with administrator rights, Nettie Klingler

Jeanne, Eric, Pat & Donna reported on the HLC Vital Focus Workshop they attended last week as well as how it will help us go forward with our self study and strategic planning.

- At the August 24 Convocation, we will be having a “conversation day” similar to the events at the last convo.
 - This time the attendees will be developing action plans based on those prior conversations where faculty and staff suggested what it is we do (and how to improve) and what we could begin doing in the future.
 - SPASC first priority is to re-involve the college stakeholders in the self study and strategic planning initiatives. Much momentum was lost during the “spring of our discontent.”
 - Need to update everyone on what we have learned and done, what we are beginning to do and what we are planning to do.
- A major undertaking will be the Constellation Survey of the college.
 - Developed by the HLC, the survey has been customized for NPC
 - It is based on HLC AQUIP principles (continuous improvement)
 - Need to hype it at the Convo as well as offer incentives so that there is motivation for a high response rate
 - Will ask for responses electronically for a one week period only

- First full week in September, Wednesday to Wednesday
 - HLC will then crunch the data.
- Based largely on the results, there will be a second fall convocation set for mid to late October.
 - HLC will provide the data as well as a facilitator
- There will not be a January convocation, but one in April when “the Plan” will be presented to the college

Of note, NPC will have a spot at the HLC Assessment Academy

- First team will go in November
 - Team will probably be an expanded version of the Vital Focus group

Between now and Convocation, SPASC needs to start collecting “quick fixes” -- those things already in process toward improving and expanding NPC services.

- e.g., Centers moving toward opening in the summer with rotating Summer Sessions in Apache County
- Jeanne suggested a ”Quick Fix Wall” on the SharePoint site where individuals can post actions as they do or learn about them

A new mission statement was discussed: “Northland Pioneer College creates, supports and promotes lifelong learning.”

- The current mission reads: “Northland Pioneer College improves lives by creating access to quality learning and cultural opportunities.”
- Let college faculty and staff vote on which they prefer at the Convocation

Some discussion was held on the Pillars assignment where SPASC members were to reduce number of suggestions by eliminating overlaps, deleting suggestions they found too vague or not doable, and the to prioritize those remaining.

- Each member is to post his/her revised list at the SPASC Sharepoint site.
- These will be reviewed and considered at the next SPASC meeting

Next meeting will be all day (9-3), Friday, July 6 at the CEC (tentative).