

Summary of 11-20-06 Environmental Strategies Task Force meeting:

Attendance: Arias, Reiser, Ulmar, Woods, Gustafson, Naylor, Massara, Swanson.

General Comments:

- Students are appreciative of having a chance to provide input.
- They seem to be interested in knowing more about strategic plan input
- There are questions about “what is a Metropolitan University.” (Participants received a copy of CUMU’s definition of the Metropolitan University).

Faculty/Staff Focus Group

- To date only nine (8 staff and 1 faculty) have signed up for the November 28th Focus Group.
- The group has recommended that this focus group be postponed until Spring Semester.
 - Possible dates for rescheduling include the possibility of holding it as part of the Strategic Planning Event in March. (Possible event exercise).
 - Arguments for March exercise:
 - Predominant demographic attending Strat Planning Events is faculty and staff.
 - Another option would be to hold it over the lunch hour sometime in late January. These proposals will be brought to the SPSC on November 29 for additional discussion.

Student Focus Group Information

- There is only one student focus group remaining.
- November 21st Focus Group meeting with American Humanics students has been cancelled. There will be no focus group conducted with these students.
- Final Focus Group will be with Master Success students on December 4th. (It is estimated that over 100 students will be involved in these focus groups).
- It is recommended that student focus group sessions be conducted every year.
- A suggestion was made to introduce Strategic Planning to incoming freshmen at Durango Days beginning Fall 2007.

Other discussion topics of interest:

- We need to make sure that we tie targeted issues directly to the Strategic Plan.
- Perhaps consider communicating issues from the original 16 in our recommendations.
- It is important to make sure communicated goals from these issues are attainable.
- We need to emphasize to everyone that Strategic Planning is an ongoing process that is going deep into the organization. (This is why some issues are revisited periodically.
- Faculty and staff should hear the results of the student focus groups following their focus group discussions.
- A possible question to ask at the conclusion of fac/staff focus groups is “if there is one thing that you could communicate from this event related to this issue, what would it be?”
- An SPSC retreat should be held to review and address the issues from the focus groups.