Senate of Academic Staff
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(Comments from cards in regular type and easel comments in italics.)

Priority 1
Increase Global/International awareness & experiences

- An important focus for Stout's mission.
- Learning experience outside classroom. SSA supporting lots of national travel-Do these meet the test? How to fund?

Priority 2
Improve faculty/staff instructional workload

- Shortages of classes to meet demand-particularly for incoming freshman. (Math/English)
- Allocation of resources to within programs; also to meet bubbles of students going through.

Priority 3
Pilot of laptop computers, full laptop/computer based instruction in 2001-2002

- Develop systemic approach.
- Concerned about the cost impact to students.
- Continue refining so we can implement whatever we do successfully. Don't start something if you can't do it well. Too demoralizing!

Priority 4
Increase in off campus and distance education programs and courses

- Why do what every other campus in the country is doing.
- Clean up obstacles for students, computing, registration, resources, etc. are still problematic.
- Support Services (Administration, R & R, etc.) Need better communication, policies, and procedures.
- Web Info, Specific Web sites with pertinent information.

Priority 6
Develop a plan to renew labs and other instructional facilities and equipment

- Upgrade equipment to meet safety standards.
- Need to co-ordinate adequate support and training so students using actually can make good use of facilities
- Access. Adequate equipment in classroom for disabled
  Trip-Couldn't attend-no wheel chair vehicle.
Communication regarding needs.
Curb cuts. Are they really accessible?
- Professional Development. More dollars to Professional development committee or some other way to increase.
- Classrooms. More multi-media classrooms

Priority 7
Implement the Information Technology Strategic Plan

- Must move forward with this. Uneven development has to be addressed. We don't fit together very well.
- Online registration. This semester's bug's should be worked out.
- Need to test/simulate on-line registration before going live.
- Financial issues also, recording of payments.

Priority 8
Implement the Diversity Phase 1 Plan

- We need to walk the talk here. It would be nice to even be assured that all staff have read and discussed the plan.
- Need to make entire campus welcoming. Policies in various campus locations are not as good as they should be.

COMMENTS

- More sections of classes, reduce overloads and have evening classes with more academic staff.
- An administrative coordinator to set policy and oversee all on-line offerings.
- The priorities are extremely important. We have got to succeed if Stout is to stay competitive.
- Rec. Complex is a necessity.
- Please add salary inequities to the priorities.
- Thanks for the chance for input. It's cumbersome but good!
- Salary Inequities. Academic Staff inequities occur.
- Move to top priorities list. Help moral and incoming staff.
- Retention and Advisement. Need a universal system for using advisement day. Campus agreement rather than individual program plans.