Stout Student Association
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(Comments from cards in regular type and easel comments in italics.)

Priority 1
Increase Global/International awareness & experiences

- To compete with students at other colleges we need it.
- Helps develop an understanding in diversity with students and awareness about the overall world.
- I would like to not just take classes internationally, but coops also.
- I think the student should choose if they want to do this when they come.
- Language should be a requirement to graduate—promotes grammar skills.
- Communicate overseas.
- I think it is great to have as a high school requirement.
- Support for global distance Education
- Is there a campus disciplinary process for hate mail?
- Excited about this/reason to go to Stout
- How will budget funding affect plan 2008?
- How will students meet this requirement in program?
- How will higher tuition affect access to college
- Who will not be able to attend?

Priority 2
Improve faculty/staff instructional workload

- Psychology Department is doubling their class loads so that more classes can be offered to the students in this major. However they have less time for class preparation.
- More classes to fit the number of students. There is a huge problem.
- More help available—especially for harder classes and office hours.
- Still feel advisor's need to do their job better.

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

- Yes, We need to move/take the step toward total digital.
- I think the one with instructors and guest speakers must go first. Just use laptops as a tool like the book. Almost every job will need them.
- I enjoy more teacher contact in classes and hands on experiences. Computers can't do this.
- Very excited, this would be a reason I would choose Stout over others.
- For GMC majors only? Freshman only? Can others get them as well?
- This should not happen for many reasons. What if they change their major? What if they already have one? Ask the new GMC major what they want.
• It is great but what will you do with Micheels Hall? Will you provide docking station w/large monitors for majors like GCM and Graphic Design?
• Response was lukewarm from North Hall. Felt it was not necessary.
• I think this is great, but as with anything new. There are things that will be missed and I don't want it to cost students in the end.
• Need to understand student issues first.
• Laptops are a great tool for students in any University and work place.

Questions:

• Require Ether net card?
• Student Financing?
• Upgrades?
• How compatible in campus labs?
• Support both MAC & PC?
• What if other students in pilot programs want to participate?
• What about theft?
• What is block scheduling?
• Great concept, but where is funding to integrate the campus?
• Current student/computer ratio in open labs?
• Will this slow down the system?
• How will off-campus students connect to Stout?
• How much a year will this increase tuition?
• Who will be liable for pirated software? How to handle?
• What about the non-technology majors? Will we have to change the curriculum?
• What control will be on instructor for software requirements?
• What kinds of technical support will be provided?
• Will the university support training?
• Are we looking at Crookston Model?
• Upgrades for instructors too?

Issues:

• Orienting new freshman with this equipment.
• Concern for impact on financial aid and low income students (indebtedness)
• Concern about classroom readiness for this type of instruction. Cost?
• Look into wireless
• Good idea, but concern about others if they already own a computer or concern about cost or anti-technology.
• Concern about recovery/virus
• Do not surprise students with this requirement.
• Will not affect current GCM students.
• Another student supporting leasing computer.
• Large numbers (at least 65%) own computers.
• Prefer to lease computer.
• Upper level classes need access to computer training and programs.
• Consider rental system for computers (part of tuition)
• Be sure to look at implications of specialty software

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

• For non traditionals and master/doctoral programs-Increase Wonder Network Classes.
• Helps develop an understanding in diversity with students and awareness.
• What kind of quality education are you getting when you're not in the classroom?
• I don't know what this is.
• Nobody seemed to care on campus. See those programs as not "real".
• Very Important!
• What programs, courses numbers of students?
• Total DE or mix?

Priority 5
Implement the outreach unit

• More courses, student teaching overseas!
• Very good idea-higher chances of good job placement

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

• Going to need to be done.
• Newer, better, bigger-more hours! Very good idea!
• The newer the lab the better. The education and training for the real world.
• Especially keeping up and upgrading Graphic Arts, GCM, etc. computers.
• I am sick of things that are broke in class that inhibit my learning.
• Childcare Center. Major Priority!
• Very important. Not all classrooms are up to date.
• To compete in the 21st Century.
• This is a good way to increase the percent of computer literate students, which is necessary in this day and age.
• Please take into account that a high end computer laptop would completely replace existing computers and it would run all need programs for GCM and Graphic Design but it would be impossible to do it w/o a docking station and large monitors.
• How much tuition increase do you think will be the out come of this?
• As a Technology Education Major I feel the knowledge base of up coming freshman in terms of software knowledge and computer literacy will be higher than previous freshman and that would continue as years go on.

Priority 7
Implement the Information Technology Strategic Plan

• Keep up and upgrading Graphic Arts, GCM, etc. computers.
• Technology is good.

Priority 8
Implement the Diversity Phase I Plan

• Trial and Error
• Work on getting more of the classes we have first. It's already difficult to get into the ones we need, no matter what our class ranking.
• Diversity is education.

Additional Comments

• Please prioritize childcare center expansion, dorm renovation, and parking.
• Can someone come and talk to Wigen Hall about this. My hall really wants some one too. Thank you.
• Make software more available. Cheaper parking situation. I like the involvement of business in the educational world. Allow as much business connection to the classroom as possible.
• You're doing a great job on research and asking or informing the students. Maybe a survey out to all students would be a good idea.
• Larger child daycare facility affordable for students.
• Child/Family Study Center is a huge priority for many other Stout students and me.