Faculty Senate Comments - October 31, 2000

Easel Comments

Priority 1
"UW-Stout" Student Competencies

- Will this deal with Stout competencies across broader range than student.

Priority 2
Adult and Nontraditional Markets

- How will Stout Solutions be coordinated with on-campus?

Priority 3
Equality for Women

- Revolving door for women? Why are they leaving? Consider infusing in curriculum.

Priority 4
Foundation for Change

- Faculty professional development – is there a mechanism to promote excellence through dissemination?
- Stout is a change agent for others - due to work on it at least that much for ourselves.
- More in-service around ideas.
- We need a manner to share (on a regular basis) scholarly/teaching excellence - sabbaticals, professorships, UTIG. Can we advertise on this expertise or use as part of Stout Solutions?
- Can we use commonalities in advertising/promotion to showcase excellence (Dahlgren, etc.)

Other Comments/Priorities:

- Recruitment - big increase in faculty/staff recruitment requires additional dollars to support
- Cost of advertisements is a concern; can we meet the need with some funding efficiencies?
- Need more funds for salaries.
- Continue to look at compression.
- Want to access data about students and programs more readily.
- More support for Program Directors relating to release time.
- Signage as an issue
• Stout Solutions should develop a program evaluation process for internal usage & as an external market product.
• Need more resources for instruction support & creativity at the department level.
• Look at how professional development is organized. Make a more effective use. Maybe a program like global which provides funds people can apply for.
• Digital Campus
  o IT Plan needs to address how we organize information on the web. Develop portals. Describe Stout & how we moved to where we are.
  o Web presents an opportunity (for governance, too) to enhance productivity; not talking of pages, schematics. Need support to make this happen
  o Web may help the linkage between University & College level governance
  o Retain 2 platforms. (Seconded by Art & Design department)
  o Real Video vs. other technologies (efficiency, cost?)
  o More promotion & advertising on the web.

Written Comments

Priority 1
"UW-Stout" Student Competencies

• Employers will eat this up! In & out of class linkages are crucial.
• We are already doing this as programs to meet accreditation requirements - don't understand this as a budget priority.

Priority 2
Adult and Nontraditional Markets

• UW-System dictates this as a high priority. I suggest we partner with the UW-Colleges; they are on the cutting edge of non-trad. education.
• System initiative - is this really what we are all about - mission?

Priority 3
Equality for Women

• Let's get it right.

Priority 4
Foundation for Change

• I think this should be a faculty/staff & student program.
• We do this anyway - confused why this is a budget priority?
• Need to have more professional academic development on campus.

Other Comments:

• Ensure the infrastructure of the Digital Campus is adequate to the current needs of the campus community.
• Missing Digital Campus Initiative - this will require some big $ to make it happen properly! Why has this dropped off the radar screen of budget priorities?
• Salaries, Professional Development, Digital Campus - awareness & fear associated with this.
• Please, please, please, don't lose sight of our basic goal - to teach - don't let technology take over our thinking - by this I mean Tech is a tool, not the rule - let's support IT as a support not the end goal.
• More funding for Program Directors. Greater Operating Budget. Larger amount of release time.
• We're so miserably short on services & supplies and recruitment funds - we don't have the resources to focus on these priorities.
• Develop an archive system & designate a position as a "policy & procedure" advisor as it relates to UW-Stout Policies & Procedures. Often issues arise concerning how to interpret or apply a Stout policy; or we are reviewing a policy & don't know why certain language is in place! We need a way to preserve history as it relates to changes in policy & procedures, & a person to consult on interpretation/application issues.
• Retention - a UW-System priority - the development of a comprehensive first year experience/new student office is the best way to improve retention and the first year student learning experience.
• The retention implementation committee has been given a task and yet has been limited in what they can propose.
• This campus has an outstanding opportunity to develop freshmen seminars in each & every major! We only have 26 majors! Most campuses would kill for this opportunity. These classes must be credit and apply to graduation.