Open Session 2 - October 25, 2000

Easel Comments

Priority 1
"UW-Stout" Student Competencies

- Are we looking at assessment from every course?

Priority 2
Adult and Nontraditional Markets

- Need alternative scheduling to fit into work schedule (current programs, too).
- Questions about risk capital - will departments get value for investing in the fund?
- Look at funding for WinTerm/summer school in relation to adult nontraditional programming/scheduling (is this a faculty salary issue?).

Priority 3
Equality for Women

Priority 4
Foundation for Change

- Need Sabbatical or similar program/time to regenerate for academic staff.
- Need more funds for sabbaticals for departments.

Other Comments/Priorities:

- Laptop - move soon; Admissions finds students are positive.
- Laptop - classrooms need to be supportive of the environment.
- Provide more workload support for current faculty/students.
- Funding for regular needs of departments (support per student).
- Service and supply dollars; departments are desperate for supplies for this year
- Need software support for lab-intensive areas as we now have incompatible versions. (Does this have Access to Learning funding possibilities?)
- Don't ignore current students.
- Cost of searches is high.
- The cost of ads is increasing, as ads get longer due to add-ons. Also an increase in the number of hires (which requires additional costs and staffing support). Should look at college advertising needs annually as we are must cope with the retirement bulge.
- Recruitment & hiring – this is also a support staff workload issue with implications for centralized support vis-à-vis department hands-on support.
- A mentoring program is important to keep new faculty.
- Advertising – benefited from being a Budget Priority in 1999-2000; now we need to do more for external audiences.
Written Comments

Priority 1
"UW-Stout" Student Competencies

- Especially interdisciplinary - needs to be in Gen. Ed.
- Some of this is already being done. However, how far is too far? Must every course be assessed at Univ. level?
- I think it is an interesting idea, but there are so many other areas that need time & money.
- How will student competencies be measured? Objectives or outcomes?
- Important priority, but "funny" process or strategy.

Priority 2
Adult and Nontraditional Markets

- We will need to pay attention to developing supportive services and adding resources in order to impact overall Univ. scheduling - classes & support services offices now close at 4:30p.m.
- Exploration of alternative scheduling (evening/late afternoon) could also benefit traditional students by providing them with the opportunity to explore locally based co-ops & internships while completing portions of their degree requirements.
- Look at models of programs of other schools (Lakeland, Cardinal Stritch, etc.). Let's capitalize on Stout's reputation & combine it w/alternative programming, but NOT exclusively distance ed.

Priority 3
Equality for Women

- Equality for all students is higher.
- Yes! Yes! Yes!!! But, at this date, there is nothing specific to react to.
- Need info on women all thru curriculum & center & women's studies.
- No women Deans at Stout; a male symposium.

Priority 4
Foundation for Change

- Too vague to rate.
- Most important change is workload.
- I hope the campus pays as much attention to enhancing interpersonal & intrapersonal development as it does to enhancing technological development.
- We must be equipped for change!
- Include all staff.
- University Forum Series would be a positive development.
- Rank this as #1 with emphasis on Goal 5 to include all campus personnel (faculty/academic staff/classified).
- Awareness, education, conservation of natural environment. We have major changes in fuel resources, global warming, etc. Faculty & students need to be educated in this area.

Comments:

- All very valuable issues to the university.
- Comprehension Health and Safety Manual for the campus.
- I support the notion of expansion - what else can we do to be better & stronger - but the sense I had sitting in this meeting is that the campus barely has the funds to do what we are doing now well. I get concerned about morale & health issues of people who are overworking now. I think a high budget priority ought to be to make sure we fully fund current activities & services.
- Dollars for advertising/recruitment to hire new faculty & staff. Support to clerical staff shouldering workload for advertising & hiring.
- There needs to be adequate funding of departmental safety officers - particularly in areas such as Industrial Technology, Art, Chemistry, Biology, etc.
- Look at more funding for Program Directors and their support staff - to attract and retain students in a program can take an enormous amount of time.
- Becoming a "wireless campus" for laptops.
- Streamline/lower costs to fill vacancies. Offer classes weekends/nights. Condense course class time. Follow WinTerm scheduling for summer.