Stout Student Association - November 7, 2000

Easel Comments

Priority 1
"UW-Stout" Student Competencies

- How will it be accomplished? Would testing out of competencies be a consideration?
- Students should sell themselves through their resumes.
- Could be used for selling Stout as an institution (may be difficult to certify for each student).
- Are you going to look for students that are lacking these competencies and bring them to Stout?
- Build the competencies into courses/curriculum for non-graduate students.
- Students should support the idea because they will gain extra point with employers on these skills.

Priority 2
Adult and Nontraditional Markets

- Should question the increasing number of programs.
- What safeguards are in place to ensure the existing quality of programs?
- Can we make money from these programs, too?

Priority 3
Equality for Women

- What are the details?

Other Comments/Priorities:

- Need a comprehensive Resource Center. Are you looking at a building?
- Laptop - Need knowledge of computers.
- Stout Solutions - Business and industry, how does this relate to majors like psychology?
- Need more options at the career fair for psych majors. Not just human resources, but grad schools, etc.
- Psych students need more help finding grad schools, etc.
- Diversity - Disability issues such as accessible fleet vehicles, need to be addressed.
- Diversity - Are GLBT needs being met?
- There is a need for a 'safe space' program on campus.
- RA's could benefit from sensitivity training
- Keep library open to 1:00a.m.
- Global - How does an interested student find out what is required? Is this for all majors?

Written Comments
Priority 1
"UW-Stout" Student Competencies

- It is a good asset for our students.
- Excellent priority. This can be used as a marketing tool for students; hopefully it can be applied to Grad students somewhat.
- I like the idea of competencies in the curriculum.
- I feel that this is a good way to teach students what they will need for the outside world.
- I think it's a great idea, especially on transcripts.

Priority 2
Adult and Nontraditional Markets

- Good plan. (Money!!!)
- I think it's a good idea, but you mentioned 2 years and working with them, but you mentioned Baraboo for outreach! Why not UW-Barron?

Priority 3
Equality for Women

- This priority needs more information outlined.
- There isn't enough information on this to have an opinion on.
- There has been little or no movement with this. We need more.
- I don’t have much information on this.
- I feel this is a major issue on this campus.
- Safety issues, counseling, etc.
- Another great thing, but it sounds like you are depending a lot on the UW-System Women's Report. Be careful. I saw that presented to the Regents and I thought they left out a lot of information, especially LGBT Staff.

Priority 4
Foundation for Change

- Not all career fields need a monthly update for professors.
- Good plan. Similar to competencies, they go together.
- This seems to always have been a goal for UW-Stout.
- No feeling on it, but thank you for including us in the process.

Comments:

- Campus safety - I know of a few harassment incidents on campus against women. It may be a good idea to put this on the proposal. One idea is safety lights around campus. With regards to diversity, please look into putting more focus on people with different sexual orientations or disabilities. Again, blue safety lights would be a great addition to make our campus safer.
• Campus safety awareness - There have been too many harassment and assault attacks that have gone unreported this year. We need an awareness campaign and a better way to report incidents. We NEED BLUE LIGHTS to help prevent these incidents. Also, look at institutionalizing the Stout Escort Service funding. Right now it's done by a grant. We need an institutional fund for this service to out students. Also, Stout Access needs to be a more reliable system. Students are having problems getting onto the server for Access.

• For a resource center, all groups of diversity need to be represented at planning meetings (all cultural groups, disabilities, LGBT, and women's issues). So that they can request space and money in the resource center according to their group's needs and requests.

• For safety concerns, we need blue emergency phones and better lighting near the resident's halls. More effective lighting is needed! The lighting used right now is too passive.

• I would like to see LGBT issues addressed. I know that there is a resource center in the works, but are there written guidelines for halls to deal with LGBT issues! I would also like to see a safe space program on campus.

• Need to look at length of time to graduate - how often do people actually graduate in 4 years? Advising - is it working? Retention of freshman - is too low.

• Better system for advising/process for graduation check out.

• Better assessments of faculty - some faculty are poor teachers, but the current evaluation does not show that. Tenured faculty - take position for granted.

• Need to look at overlap of curriculum between classes - some classes are very repetitive.

• If you want to increase programs why cut faculty & positions (within business dept.)?

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• Job placement is a large issue. It seems that internship and co-op opportunities in some areas are non-existent and some majors can't stop getting offers. I believe that stress should be put on Program Directors and departments to get internship and co-op opportunities and not just sit back and wait for them to come to us. I am a telecomm system major and after going to the career conference and looking at the campus wide e-mails for internships, I have not seen a definite internship opportunity. Most seemed to be full time positions or learn on your own internships which throw you in full time with no training or a way to set back company budget by paying an intern titled person less. This system seems corrupt and needs to be looked into.

• I think that we should take a hard look at the campus climate also. More pictures and landmarks of diverse groups.

• Diversity issues specifically related to disabilities needs to be raised. The committee that was organized needs to work more in cooperation. An accessible van, although a financial situation must be an immediate concern.

• Accessible van. I feel somehow you are skirting the system on this. Having to rent a van makes people feel discriminated against.