

UNIVERSITY SELF STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE
Minutes
September 12, 2006

Present: Ms. Robyn Dickinson, Sr. Bernadette Duross, Dr. Richard Klonoski, Dr. Linda Ledford-Miller, Ms. Constance McDonnell, Dr. Elizabeth Randol, Dr. Edward Scahill, Mr. Edward Steinmetz (Co-Chair), Ms. Bonnie Strohl, Ms. Valerie Taylor and Dr. Janice Voltzow (Co-Chair)

Recorder: Ms. Linda Scherer

1.0 Approval of Minutes from August 29^h Meeting

There was a correction to the August 29, 2006 minutes. Dr. Edward Scahill had not been included as being present, although he had attended the meeting. The correction has been made to that set of minutes.

2.0 Ignatian Education Presentation by Sr. Duross

Seven handouts were distributed for the Ignatian Education Presentation. Sr. Bernadette reviewed and discussed the following information as it relates to Ignatian Education: probing questions, particular challenges, vision, goals, Ignatian paradigm, Ignatian education and commitment to mission, the American Catholic/Jesuit University, the Catholic University, the Jesuit University, themes of Jesuit higher education, coming to terms with the mission, Catholic intellectual tradition and Ignatian charism cross-referencing the history to our present reality.

In summary, the three key elements of Ignatian Education from Sr. Duross' handouts were as described as follows:

1. Based on a religious world view of St. Ignatius Loyola
2. Must have an understanding of spiritual vision that guides/grounds this vision of education.
3. Teaching is about God's partnership with human beings in creating an ever better and more just world.

Discussion and questions by various committee members followed the presentation. Sr. Duross offered to meet with anyone who might need further education/clarification in regard to Ignatian Education.

3.0 Review & Discussion

3.1 Updates to Blackboard Site

Dr. Voltzow continues to update the Blackboard Site on a regular basis.

3.2 Fall Timetables Including Working Group Meetings

The “Documents and other sources of evidence” spreadsheet column is due for completion by October 6th, the “Brief answer” column is due by November 9th and the “Analysis of strengths/weaknesses” column by December 7th.

3.3 Progress by Working Groups

Dr. Voltzow read portions of a complimentary letter from Dr. Michael Kiphart approving the Design Document. Dr. Voltzow thanked committee members for their previous input concerning the Design Document.

Dr. Voltzow also recommended that Working Group Chairs direct their members to the Characteristics of Excellence when they are looking for guidance on their questions for the self study. If they cannot locate the answer in the document, Dr. Voltzow will be able to assist them.

Ms. Dickinson announced that all Steering Committee members’ names have been sent to Richard Pomager in Public Safety in order to grant access to the Middle States evidence room on weekends or evenings. A phone call to Public Safety should be made and they will come over and let you in. It is also important to call Public Safety when you are leaving so that they can relock the building.

4.0 Homework

Mr. Steinmetz encouraged members to give him a call while getting presentations ready for the October meeting, if any assistance is needed.

5.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

cc: H. Baillie
J. DeSanto