

UNIVERSITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 15, 2003

The VSU University Planning Advisory Council held its second meeting of the 2003-04 academic year on October 15, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Room 3026, Biology/Chemistry building. Dr. Marsha Krotseng, Chief Planning Officer, presided over the meeting. Council members present included: Chet Ballard, Bob Bauer, Mike Beverly, Martha Giddings, Shirley Hardin, Phyllis Holland, Paula Hutchinson (Ex-Officio), Sue Lampert, Katie Melius, Ruth Salter, Jerry Siegrist (Ex-Officio) and Patrick Smith. Council members Myrna Ballard, Ernestine Clark, Jason Davenport, Mike Harpe, Rebecca Kimbrough, Charles Moore (Ex-Officio), and Emmitt Nolan were unable to attend.

Dr. Krotseng welcomed Council members and introduced appointee Katie Melius. Katie was appointed to the Council as a student representative.

General Discussion

Bob Bauer provided a brief overview of information that was presented by Portman and Associates at the Master Plan meeting held on October 14, 2003. Portman informed those attending the meeting that VSU could anticipate 20,000 students by the year 2020. The information raised concerns among the faculty about the student to faculty ratio, which currently averages sixteen students per one faculty member. The Portman presentation, which contains detailed analyses, is available online at <http://www.valdosta.edu/planning/master/index.shtml>.

There was discussion regarding the document received from Solutions 21, which contained suggestions based on information received at the Strategic Planning Retreat. Marty Giddings, Phyllis Holland, Bob Bauer and Marsha Krotseng will review the goals and consolidate the recommendations offered by Solutions 21. The revised document will be presented at the next UPAC meeting.

The issue of dissolving the Goal committee structure and forming task forces was discussed. It was suggested that task forces be given specific tasks to be completed within a short period of time. It was also recommended that previous committee members be assigned to related task forces to prevent a resurgence of old issues.

Dr. Krotseng encouraged members of the Council to review pages 33-37 of the Solutions 21 report and forward suggestions to her regarding the Vision for the future at VSU. Additionally, recommendations as to which action steps/initiatives should be assigned to a task force were requested. Jerry Siegrist informed the Council that the Institutional Planning Committee would be pleased to form a Mission Statement task force. Marsha Krotseng appointed Jerry Siegrist to co-chair the Mission Statement task force with her. The task force was charged to complete its work by December 1, and Jerry will help identify task force members.

Conclusion

Dr. Krotseng informed everyone that specific information on the date, time, and location of the next meeting will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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