

Commission Gustavus 150
Interdisciplinary Programs Task Force
Jackson Campus Center, Gustavus Adolphus College
4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2009

MEETING #2 SUMMARY

Introductions and “Desired Skills” Responses

Members shared what they think, or learned from others, about needed skills in different career fields. This exercise helped to generate new ideas for interdisciplinary programs.

Task Force Charge Review and Meeting Overview

Chair Wayne Peterson gave a quick review of the charge to the Task Force and reminded Task Force members that their role is not to prioritize recommendations, that there is no pre-determined number of recommendations that need to be reached or exceeded, that faculty has final authority over all matters relating to curriculum, and that the Task Force should stay away from implementation tactics.

“Road Map” of Interdisciplinarity at Gustavus

Facilitator Mary E. Morton presented a summary of current interdisciplinary programs and key terms to help Task Force members navigate the various “centers”, strategic initiatives, and task forces.

Health & Wellness Strategic Initiative

Chairs, Heather Dale, Kari Eckheart, Karl Larson, presented on the Health and Wellness Working Group Report submitted. Task Force members followed with small group discussion on ideas relating to the working group report and began to gather emerging themes on health and wellness.

Next steps

Next meeting focus will be on “*2.1 Strategic Initiative: Develop Interdisciplinary Centers of Synergy which strategically integrate key components of our mission and vision and enrich existing disciplines and programs.*”