

## True North Initiative Task Force Meeting

February 6, 2019

Gemmell Student Center, Rm. 246

Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Daniel Clark, Josh Domitrovich, Jen Dutkiewicz, Lynne Fleisher, Anita Lahr, Terry Latour, Jen Mills, Gwen Price, Sam Puleio, Adam Roberts, Matt Shaffer, Chad Smith, Chad Thomas, Tammy Varsek, Tree Zuzzio.

**Absent:** Merrilyn Dunlap, Ray Feroz, Deb Kelly, Brad Wagner,

Dr. Roberts called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and asked the working groups to provide an update.

Dr. Latour noted the working groups were updated on the webpage to include the new members.

### **Working Group Updates**

Dr. Roberts reported for the **Academic Programming** working group. They are meeting weekly and recently added a student to the working group. Dr. Feroz reached out to the faculty volunteers who were not selected and asked them to meet with the task force for their feedback. Lynne Fleisher noted their discussions also included identifying student enrollment goals for on-campus and online so the appropriate resources can be provided.

Sam Puleio reported on the **Affordability and Finances** working group. They met last week. New members could not make the meeting due to the increment weather and we are catching them up on those discussions. The group identified data sets to consider for their review, such as student fees, the student recreation center fee, and what the University's forecast schedule is for assessing these fees. They also plan to reach out to others regarding scholarships and student work-study for additional data to consider.

Volunteers who expressed interest in this group but were not selected are being contacted for their feedback. Three members in this working group are also members of the Housing Affordability Task Force and they received data from this task force to review. Dr. Latour noted the president shared with him and Dr. Roberts the report and recommendations from the Housing Affordability Task Force. That report will be circulated after the Foundation Board and Council of Trustees have been informed.

Matt Shaffer reported on the **Campus Climate and Diversity** working group. They will be meeting later today and will review their charge. They will discuss data sets that might be useful in preparing their recommendations. They have discussed their challenges, opportunities, and overall civility. They are considering other interactive student groups on campus to build communities, aside from the LLCs. They plan to survey students to determine their needs.

Josh Domitrovich reported on the **Recruitment and Retention** working group. They surveyed various constituents and identified what they believe Clarion University currently is and what it should be. The feedback received had common themes. They looked at the StepUp Plan and found it lacking in two areas: 1) advising; and 2) accountability.

Domitrovich noted that they are holding two focus groups, each will have five to eight participants with a variety of diversity, majors and grade levels. Feedback from the focus groups is due to him by February 28 and that information will be incorporated into their recommendations. They reached out to those volunteers who were not selected for the work group to solicit their feedback. Their next meetings will focus on challenges and opportunities.

Gwen Price reported on the **Venango** working group. They discussed programs that should and should not be at Venango and also dual enrollment opportunities and challenges. This working group's report will focus on three areas: a business plan for the campus, administrative structure, and organization around flexibility. They also will identify what constitutes a Venango student.

### **Working Group Final Recommendations**

Dr. Latour and Dr. Roberts will provide working groups a standard model (format) for presenting their final recommendations. He indicated these reports would be included as appendices within the True North Initiatives recommendations to the President.

**Action: Dr. Latour and Dr. Roberts will provide working groups a model to following for reporting their recommendations.**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesdays: February 20, March 6, 20, 27, 8 a.m., Room 246 Gemmell.

**Note:** The March 27 meeting date was added. Please mark your calendars.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.