

Minutes of Eastern Illinois University Vitalization Workgroup Seven

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 8AM by Chair Cindy Rich. All members present except Assege, who is supervising students around the state this month and is unavailable.

Cindy distributed minutes from the last meeting for review. After all members present had a chance to review them, Scott motioned to approve and Angie seconded.

There is a 4pm meeting tomorrow in Coleman for all members of all workgroups. Information about the final recommendations is expected. All but Joyce plan to attend.

General discussion about the responses ensued. We noted most were supportive of our efforts and provided interesting comments. Some departments provided updated enrollment information for Fall 2016 but didn't list their sources. Do we verify this new information? Is it our responsibility to get new data for those areas that didn't provide them? Most felt it wasn't. We sensed defensiveness in some of the comments, and understood. But we also need to remember that our workgroup is only providing our opinions and making recommendations, and we are not responsible for their implementation.

Discussion about the role of workgroup #7 and how our recommendations affect or direct the work of workgroups #8 and 9 continued. Those workgroups have an extended period of time (4 months) to take our recommendations into account for their reports.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 6th. How should we approach the final recommendations and commentary? We agreed to re-distribute the notecards used as the basis for the preliminary report on Wednesday. As we each read through the department responses, we will assess whether any new information or factual corrections presented by departments changes our initial opinions.

If we assemble briefly as a group after tomorrow's All Taskforce meeting, is that meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act (and the need to post an agenda, etc.)? Cindy will check with Rob Miller.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50am