

Vitalization Work Group 8  
Meeting Minutes 10/24/16, 4:00pm  
3108 Blair Hall

Members present: Jeff-Stowell (Chair), Ryan Hendrickson (Task Force Coordinator), Nora Small, Britto Nathan, Kimberly Kuspa, Samantha Boomgarden, Kelly Miller, Amy Rosenstein, and Peter Liu

The agenda was reviewed by Dr. Stowell, who then gave a Chair's report. He spoke with President Glassman about the micro-degrees programs and how they would work at EIU. President Glassman gave him made suggestions for where to find additional information on Micro-programs.

Today's meeting will focus on dreaming for programming at EIU. Some members shared ideas in writing and submitted. See OneDrive for those ideas which include new programming for nursing and health studies.

Each member was asked to present ideas.

Ms. Boomgarden suggested an allied health major, which may allow for more access to different classes but a home for students whose courses are all over the campus. Micro degrees may be a good idea to encourage people to pursue information outside of their major.

Ms. Kuspa suggested getting credit for extra curricular activities that students enjoy but cannot take as classes.

Dr. Rosenstein suggested this be a service-learning course for credit.

Mrs. Miller discussed the possibility of a leadership academy? All state IACRAO...

There may be questions about putting in non-academic certifications on transcripts.

Dr. Nathan stated that showing leadership on transcript shows effort and energy and learning beyond the classroom.

Dean Hendrickson discussed service learning could turn into a leadership credit through a test with submission of hours. There could be a possibility for a MOOC.

Dr. Small suggested logs of activities could result in tangible hours.

Dr. Rosenstein suggested this could be tied to a series of seminars and a course mentor.

Ms. Kuspa wondered how students would know about these courses.

Dr. Liu agreed this shows a good direction towards encouraging students to do more on campus.

Dean Hendrickson thought it could be a marketable aspect as credit.

Mrs. Miller discussed how it could build on existing skills and transfers into future graduate work and eventual work in program areas like academic affairs.

Stowell noted this is a great vision and more details should be considered later.

Dr. Nathan noted we have a reputation of taking care of our students and listening to them, so we should continue to do that.

Dean Hendrickson will have more to report on micro degrees related to IBHE and how they are defined. May also look at entrepreneurship.

Dr. Stowell asked the students to find out what others are doing in terms of “extra-learning activities”.

Dean Hendrickson’s dream is a wider range of on-line graduate programs as all are attracting students. There was discussion of a J-term that comes in-between the fall and spring semester that is 4 or 5 weeks where students will study abroad or take an intense class on-line like the 4 week session... may cause enrollment boost for study abroad as other campuses are experiences a boost.

Ms. Kuspa stated Trinity Christian College students have to complete a j-term that focuses on service.

Ms. Boomgarden says honors class (presidents scholars) must leave campus and then write about it.

Dr. Small asked if they get credit but Mrs. Kuspa said no.

Dr. Stowell asked if it could be academic specific or was not academic?

Dean Hendrickson sees this as open but a curriculum-based learning experience.

Dr. Nathan said clinical rotations could be an example but something that does not take away from studies.

Dean Hendrickson suggested online options for the winter break.

Dr. Rosenstein believed this could benefit traditional and nontraditional students.

Our student representatives said students would take advantage of this as a short study abroad option given timing and money required for traditional semester long study abroad requirements.

Mrs Miller reiterated that students may not want to be away from school and miss out on important college events.

Dr. Nathan uploaded dreams presentation on OneDrive

He presented information on Health Sciences. He stated the health care professional need is growing and demand is strong and 82% of health care professionals will need training beyond high school.

His dream was to create a college of health sciences or health services using resources currently on campus. This would streamline education of students and give them a “home”.

He suggested creating departments of health studies and adding new or existing programs with an undergraduate degree in health studies, clinical lab science, medical technology, and others...

Dr. Rosenstein noted there should be consideration given to the fluid nature of program offered and understand shared resources. She noted a stronger connection should be made with Sarah Bush as a learning location.

Dr. Nathan stated he interacts with administration at Sarah Bush and they are thankful for our students and faculty.

Dr. Liu asked if this was something we should discuss with the workgroup that is looking at restructuring of programming. Work group 9 may want to interact with other groups as they consider options. Perhaps more communication should happen between groups 8 and 9 so recommendations are not overlapping or leaving information out.

Dr. Small dreams of building on what we have which includes the facilities of Doudna and Tarble Arts Center. She notes that great events are happening in these beautiful spaces and they should be used to build or create a signature program in the arts. She feels presenting it and letting people know what is here and boosting residential programs and internships would be ideal. Extra-curricular programming could help build this program. Many members of the committee added comments about how they too have used the Arts program at EIU.

Dr. Rosenstein offered to wait on discussing dreams given time and discuss more data needs and how to get information from campus.

Dr. Stowell stated we need to consider if we still want data, how perhaps to get that data, and who to get it from.

Dean Hendrickson offered that we had more time than other groups and may want to wait a month to send out surveys or hold meetings as the other groups are doing this in high volume right now.

The decision was made to consider a few more dreams.

Mrs. Miller wanted to focus on future needs and consider examples like agricultural programs that will serve our geographical region.

Dr. Stowell suggested we look at some numbers from feeder community college schools and consider on how we help students complete programs who begin at community colleges.

Dr. Rosenstein presented a few dream topics for next time as the meeting was ending in 7 minutes. She suggested a school of Design and Interactive Technology, a school of Agricultural and Consumer Sciences, and a EdD offering in the College of Education.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by Amy Rosenstein