

Vitalization Work Group 8
Meeting Minutes 10/31/16, 4:00pm
3108 Blair Hall

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

The committee discussed about initiating agricultural programs. Mrs. Miller and Dr. Liu mentioned various agricultural programs that may be of interest to students at Eastern. Partnering with Lakeland college to establish such programs was discussed. Dr. Small pointed out that the minor in Rural Studies could be a starting point for establishing agricultural program at Eastern. The committee decided to further explore the feasibility of creating such programs in future meetings.

Dr. Liu shared his dream of creating a few doctoral programs at Eastern. He stated that these programs will make our university more visible and competitive. The committee discussed the cost of bringing doctoral programs to Eastern.

Dr. Stowell stated that Eastern should create a PsyD program in School Psychology. He stated that we have qualified faculty to teach PsyD program. He also mentioned that NASP, the accrediting body, has plans to require PsyD or PhD as the entry level requirement for School Psychology.

Dr. Stowell pointed out that there are only two bridge DPT programs in the country, and suggested that the committee explore the demand for this type of program.

Ms. Boomgarden and Ms. Kuspa discussed about establishing a new minor in Leadership. This minor will be interdisciplinary requiring a minimum of 18 hours of course work and community service. Ms. Boomgarden and Ms. Kuspa suggested that the Emerging Leaders Program at Eastern could be used as a starting point for establishing the Leadership minor.

Dr. Small pointed that Medieval studies is currently being remodeled to Global Pre-Modern Studies.

Dr. Stowell spoke about an e-mail from Dr. Mary Konkle (Department of Chemistry) on creating a new BS degree in Biochemistry and Biotechnology. After the discussion, the committee decided to further explore the feasibility of this request upon receiving suggestions from the university committee at a later date.

Committee members asked several questions to further understand and define a "signature program". Dr. Stowell mentioned that he will ask for clarification from the President.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15

Minutes recorded and submitted by Britto Nathan