

Vitalization Work Group 8
Meeting Minutes 02/03/17, 2:00pm
2116 Blair Hall

Members present: Jeffrey Stowell (Chair), Ryan Hendrickson (Task Force Coordinator), Samantha Boomgarden, Kimberly Kuspa, Britto Nathan, Rene Kidd-Marshall, and Nora Pat Small.

Dr. Stowell asked the committee to provide feedback on the recent town hall meeting. Dean Hendrickson mentioned that he felt it was successful. Dr. Nathan mentioned that participants in his table discussed ways to create research support, and to establish new degrees in Health Communication. He also mentioned that participants suggested that the proposed Center for Excellence in Research (Dr. Robert Chestnut) should be considered as a signature program.

Dr. Stowell asked the committee to identify ways to prioritize the new programs that the committee have discussed and/or have received as suggestions from the university community. Dr. Nathan mentioned that the programs should be first assigned to the four workgroup objectives before prioritization. Dr. Stowell mentioned that he would prepare a prioritized list for the meeting on Feb 24th. Dr. Hendrickson suggested that new programs should be ranked on the basis of enrollment potential. Dr. Small asked if enrollment growth has to be focused on a specific program or a group of programs. Dr. Nathan said that both options are acceptable.

The committee discussed about micro degrees. Dr. Hendrickson asked what do other university call the micro degrees (9-12 hours)? The committee agreed to investigate micro degrees offering at other universities. Ms. Boomgarden mentioned that micro degree would increase interdisciplinary nature of programs at Eastern.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Britto Nathan