



**Minutes
NCA Criterion 1
Committee Meeting
April 19, 2006, 3:00 p.m.**

Present: Sylvia Barnier, Megan Da Pisa, Casey Fawbush, Jarilyn Gess, Sheryl Jones, Lisa Nawrot, Carol Sibley, Karla Wenger, Warren Wiese, Carolyn Zehren

Absent: Jayne Washburn

Minutes: Megan's name was spelled wrong. JG/CF moved to approve minutes with correction.

Steering committee update

- PR will be ordering t-shirts for next fall and needs input on what type. The catalog was passed around for people to look at the three types. Let Lisa know what type you might be interested in.
- Student survey will be conducted next week. Lisa modified questions slightly for better understanding by the students.
- Planning an Awareness Week next fall and possibly spring. Members will go into classes, departments and offices and explain the accreditation process on a one-to-one basis. PR would like volunteers for this.
- Timeline review. We are on track with the timeline. Drafts will be put up on password protected site hopefully by end of week.
- The Steering Committee is looking for summer volunteers to read other team drafts: Warren, Lisa, Karla

Lisa talked about ideas for the next issue of Continews and asked for items to include. Ideas discussed:

- Mission Statement put on MSUM webpage
- Most classes at MSUM are taught by faculty not graduate students
- There is an increased awareness on campus
- Wealth of information on campus websites, but no continuity
- Task force working on web standards for uniformity, link on President's page for comments
- Most students are not aware of the accreditation process
- Students are not aware of all the programs available on campus
- Need to make students aware of what we have to offer
- Conception on campus that accreditation belongs to a group of faculty in administration
- Same people go to open forums and same people respond to e-mails
- We need to go to the campus instead of expecting them to come to us
- Need to find new ways to reach out and make personal connections
- Did you know ...

- That we have a film studies major?
- That we have a women's study major?
- That a Doctor of Nursing Practice proposal went to APAC?
- How many student presentations were made at the Student Academic Conference?

Results of the open forum attendance contest will be announced in the next Continews. Student prize went to students from the Corrick Center; Faculty/Staff prize went to continuing studies.

Criterion One draft discussion. The draft will be posted on the web on Friday for other teams to begin reviewing. Send emergency changes to Karla before Friday.

Next meeting will be on May 3 and will include a reception at 4:30 in library porch.

Final assignment:

- Identify cross-cutting themes
 - distinctive
 - learning focused
 - future oriented,
 - connected
- Re-read another self study and compare to our draft ... how do we compare?

Karla Wenger