

TEAM "BUILD MORE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS
MINUTES
April 24, 2009

Attending: Dr. Maria Bhattacharjee, Carol Tucker, Steve Markert. (Mercedes Gonzales excused)

1. We decided that the enhancement was to be primarily for students' connection to professional organizations, and only secondarily for faculty and staff.
2. We decided a survey should be taken of faculty and staff to determine which professional organizations they were involved in and which professional organizations they would recommend to students. This information would give us organizations to target and identify the university's current connection to them, if any.

Decision makers: approval to send survey to dt_all users needed from Provost and three VPs, Deans, Chairs

Help with surveymonkey from Tracie Huffman, Career Services

The committee would come up with a survey template to present to decision makers

ACTION: STEVE WILL DEVELOP A SURVEY AND SUBMIT TO GROUP VIA EMAIL

3. Develop a program to identify student leaders (self identification and/or nomination by faculty and staff or other students) who would be nominated as university reps to professional organizations related to the students' professional pursuits. Develop funding for student membership dues. Decide on what responsibility the student would have as liaison between university and the organization.

Decision makers: for funding: David Bradley, Elaine Pearson, Stefany Mitchell, Michele Falcon, Dr. Windy Lawrence (related to any funding from Achieving the Dream) funding parties would need approval over the student and organization selection process, or a university authority should be charged with that task. Michelle Falcon and faculty advisors of on campus organizations would be a good source for identifying students nominees.

ACTION: EXPLORE FUNDING VIA EMAIL TO THE DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES, THEN MEET TO DISCUSS FURTHER (STEVE DEVELOPS EMAIL TO SEND TO GROUP FOR APPROVAL)

4. Have reps from professional organizations related to specific majors come to networking events on campus

Decision makers: Faculty and on-campus organizations to identify professional organizations to target. Could be a collaboration between Career Services, Alumni Relations, and Student Activities and academic departments.

ACTION: NOT SURE WHAT ACTION TO BE TAKEN NOW; WILL DISCUSS AT NEXT MEETING

5. Offer facilities to professional organizations for one of their regular member meetings or a special event annually. Do at-cost or with small profit with primary purpose of getting

professionals to our campus. Ask a university rep to have a brief welcome. Perhaps have the organization consider inviting students to this meeting.

Decision makers: David Bradley, Community Relations,

Issues: Facility use could preclude having other events and over tax the facility and staff.

ACTION: NOT SURE WHAT ACTION TO BE TAKEN NOW; WILL DISCUSS AT NEXT MEETING