

Meeting 2 on May 1, 2009

Purpose of the Team: To enhance the University's connections to professional organizations.

Attending: Dr. Maria Bhattacharjee (Urban Ed, BESO), Mercedes Gonzales (Admissions), Michelle Falcon (Student Activities), Maria Garrett (Student Activities), Sarah Crawford (Alumni Services), Steve Markert (Career Services), Miguel Tamayo (PAS), Marco Aparicio (PAS)

Not attending: Carol Tucker (Institutional Research), Nicholas Martinez (Student worker Registrar's)

1. We opened the meeting by discussing an issue brought up by Mercedes regarding considering on-campus student organizations as part of the team's responsibility. The group decided that these organizations would not be part of the team's responsibility for enhancing the University's connections to professional organizations, but agreed that on-campus organizations would be a very likely source of support for the team's work, and the team's work might indirectly strengthen on-campus student organizations. *Reasoning: Developing a new student organization (or improving a currently floundering one) would require a big effort and would not necessarily enhance the University's connection externally to professional organizations. Facilitating student involvement in off-campus organizations that already exist and are organized and supported by professionals would require much less effort and would definitely meet the team's goal of enhancing the University's relationships with professional organizations.*

2. Survey of faculty and staff: We decided a survey of faculty and staff was a must to help identify off-campus professional organizations that the team should target. Steve will submit a survey to the team for discussion. After the group agrees on the survey, Maria B. will obtain permission to send to faculty from the Provost, and Steve will obtain permission to send to staff from the VP.

3. Targeting Students: After we identify professional organizations we wish to target, we will have to develop a means of identifying students to recruit for participation in off-campus organizations. Marco, Maria G, and Michelle agreed to document ideas regarding how to identify and recruit students and what criteria would determine which students would get some membership dues subsidy. Possibilities discussed were "nomination" by faculty, staff, student leaders; self nomination; outreach through on-campus student organizations.

4. Funding: We are unsure how much funding is needed for subsidizing student membership dues and where this funding should come from. Sarah agreed to talk to Michelle Sabino and Steve Sucher in Institutional Development regarding Project Leadership funds and other sources. Steve will write an email to be sent to funding decision-makers once the team has given their input.

5. On-campus networking with reps from professional organizations. We tabled further discussion regarding this item, but rest assured, Career Services will be involved heavily with this effort.

6. Offering UHD facilities to off-campus professional organizations: Steve will talk with Janet Heitmiller and Chris McCall to get a lay-of-the-land assessment about the feasibility and support for this item.