

CAS Chairs Meeting
January 17, 2008
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.
Cohen Hall 33

SUMMARY

David Rivers, Rob Pond, Randy Jones, Mickey Fenzel, Vic Delclos, Russ Cook, Jen Lowry, Kathy Siren, Amanda Thomas, Sharon Nell, Dipa Choudhury, Brian Barr, Barbara Mallonee, Dale Snow, Barbara Vann, Janet Headley, Steve Fowl, Matt Mulcahy, Kevin Gillespie, Gayla McGlamery, Joe Walsh, Jim Buckley, Amanda Thomas, Suzanne Keilson

- Review of Dean of Education search and dates and times for open forum for candidates.
- Review of announcements. Discussion of Ethics Point, the outside company and website for submitting complaints. A lively discussion followed the announcement of the use of this by HR. The concern is that this system may, in fact, make complaints worse, the finding of truth and fact more difficult and could encourage an abuse of the system. What restraints or fail-safes are in place to protect the accused?
- Discussion of Strategic Plan. Concern was expressed about top-down “feel” and nature of this strategic planning process, perhaps especially in comparison to the prior strategic plan, which for all its flaws had more faculty, department and overall bottom-up input. In order to get input to this strategic plan it is crucial to get feedback to Loyola Conference representatives. The Loyola Conference is the steering committee of the strategic plan. Also get Conference reps to provide more information and in a more timely way, especially information that is deemed which may directly impact departments, to those department chairs and faculty. There is also the ability to participate through a Blackboard discussion board site for the strategic plan. Jim will follow up on the need to improve communication among the various constituencies.
- Presentations by Rob Pond, Amanda Thomas, and Kevin Gillespie to present the ways in which they went about strategic planning in their respective departments, divisions, groups. Rob Pond spoke about the pressing needs of the natural science departments in enrollments and faculty research as drivers for the strategic plan, Amanda Thomas spoke of the time and care needed to develop the strategic plan for the multidisciplinary clinic that meet the multi-faceted needs of various academic departments for training graduate students as well as the needs of clients and the community. Kevin Gillespie spoke of the work that Pastoral Counseling did in planning. As a result of their retreat and celebration of their shared history

they decided to move forward with ACA (CACREP) accreditation as a next step for them and as consistent with larger documents such as the College's plan, vision, mission as well as the Jesuit mission and plans as outlined in GC (General Congress) documents.

The next meeting will be Thursday February 7, 2008 and held at the renovated Loyola-Notre Dame Library.