

Present: Rosemary Cleveland (T&L), Rita Cooper (CECI Dean's Office), Raymond Higbea (SPNHTM), Mark Hoffman (CECI Dean's Office), Lara Jaskiewicz (SPNHTM), Diarrassouba Nagnon (LEFT), Lisa René Norris (OCA), Rui Nui-Cooper (LEFT), John Walsh (SCCJLS) and Greg Warsen (ELC)

Guest: Dean Sherril Soman

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Dean Soman

Thanked everyone for participating on the task force and encouraged questions.

Greg asked two questions:

1) Due to the timing at the University level for MVV, does this impact our work? Dean Soman responded that it did not with our new college status. She encouraged the task force to take the time they needed due to the significance of the task involved.

2) Is the January 31 deadline for the March ballot a firm date? Dean Soman asked that we keep her informed of our progress and if we have any needs to let her know.

III. Clarification from Mark on University process

After some discussion, the task force will revisit once the University's mission has been finalized.

IV. Questions for clarification on the MVV document as it stands

Greg asked if there was any question on the meaning of the Restructuring Task Force (RTF) recommendations and sample process. No questions or concerns.

V. Breakout groups on warm and cool feedback

Group A (Raymond, Rui and Rita)

- Mission statement needs to be short and concise
- Liked the inclusivity process...should include students as well
- Had concerns about the process order, mission or vision first

Group B (Mark, Diarrassoba and Lisa)

- What about community partners/stakeholders?
- Values need to be broad
- Mission/Vision should include ways of communicating and to keep the deadline
- Mission/Vision need to be treated differently than the Values

Group C (Lara, John, Rosemary and Greg)

- A good place to begin – process-focused is good
- Have dialogue on the Vision first
- Inward vs. outward focus – is the Mission about the product? Or what we do?

After some discussion, Greg proposed a Google poll to gage the interest level of the faculty. He will include three levels of involvement. The poll will be sent on October 19/20.

We need to explain to faculty/staff that the Vision can be more specific for each of their units.

Everyone agreed on the importance of a well-defined process/protocol which would be to present two or three options, hold informational forums for feedback, and proceed to a vote. This process will be repeated for each: Mission, Vision and Values. As we move forward, we need to give everyone a timeline for each phase of this process.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 29 at 10a.m. via Zoom.