

From: Summers, Greg
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 12:42 PM
To: Hastings, David; Biasca, Karyn; Wright, Steve
Subject: Strategic Plan for Teaching and Learning (Summer Work Group)

Dear David, Karyn, and Steve,

This e-mail serves to acknowledge the valuable work that you have agreed to complete during August 2012 on the preliminary planning stages of a strategic plan for teaching and learning. Your efforts will allow members of the CAESE Advisory Group, as well as campus as a whole, to carry out a comprehensive strategic plan for teaching and learning, leading to a variety of strategic initiatives regarding our shared values as a teaching institution.

In essence, I'm looking to the three of you to provide a comprehensive framework that enables campus to better understand what teaching and learning "means" at UWSP. This is no small task, and it is fairly abstract: I am challenging you to develop a framework for conceiving a new vision for teaching and learning at UWSP, without reference to specific (existing or recently postmortem) units on campus. As you proceed, I encourage you to honor our traditions of teaching and learning excellence, but at the same time I want you to develop an ambitious set of aspirations, goals, and desired accomplishments that I know UW-Stevens Point is capable of achieving.

In particular, in the strategic plan that you will help to craft I hope that you include specific recommendations for: (a) what it means for UWSP to be a "teaching institution," (b) what role a future center for teaching and learning might play on campus (i.e., how a centralized teaching and learning initiative could assist with our overall efforts as a campus), as well as, (c) the role that our shared teaching values might play in our approach to hiring, retention, tenure, and promotion. If you need assistance or clarification in the coming weeks, please contact either James Sage or myself. We will be happy to help in any way we can.

I cannot exaggerate the importance of this effort. Without a doubt, the work that you will accomplish during August 2012 will be invaluable to UW-Stevens Point as a whole, and I am pleased that you are willing to contribute to this important effort. Thanks once again.

Sincerely,
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