

November 2, 2006

TO: Members of the Reorganization Committee

FROM: Ruth Smith

RE: Minutes of the October 30, 2006 meeting

Cori Scroggins, Andria Price, Camille Currier, Carl Thameling, Phyllis Sanders, Tammy Parker, Bernadine Adams, Jim Casey were present. Judy Smith, Mary Schmeer, and Trevor Melder were not able to attend.

Carl Thameling and Camille Currier gave a report on their meeting with the SGA. The responses to the questions on the relationship between students and faculty reflected concerns already documented with other focus groups: professors stretched too far, misadvising. However, the students also pointed out that some departments had made changes to help students such as accounting's Accounting Student council. The question on the impact on the overall efficiency of the University provoked concern about the copy center not always working and the need for departmental secretaries. Suggestions included: a complete shut down of classes on Friday, a one-stop answer to student questions, Blackboard or some other computer program to allow students to check their academic progress easily, collect all the social sciences into one division, model the pre-pharmacy advising plan. There was also concern that the new system has hurt recruiting for pre-med and pre-law.

Bernadine Adams and Tammy Parker reported on the results of surveys given to students at advising. So far, the results are much like those report by graduates in May and August.

The Committee then asked that two meetings be set with the deans and associate and assistant deans. One meeting will take place with Drs. Arant, Berry, and Thomas and the other with the associate and assistant deans. Every effort will be made to have the meetings on Monday, November 13.

The Committee agreed that the process for writing the final document will be as follows:

- 1.1 Dr. Smith will write a draft taken from the various reports and focus groups.
- 1.2 The Committee will review and suggest revisions.
- 1.3 Dr. Smith will finalize, and the Committee will approve before it is shared with Dr. Cofer.

The Committee recommended two sessions to conclude our focus group meetings. One will be with Deans Arant, Berry, and Thomas, and the other will be with the associate and assistant deans. Both will be on Monday, November 13.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p. m.

