

MINUTES  
UW-Green Bay Campus Climate Committee

Present:  
Lucy Arendt  
Anne Buttke  
Illene Noppe  
Bob Skorczewski  
Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges

July 27, 2004  
1:00 pm, MAC 311

Guest: Mary Ann Rose

Excused: Bill Laatsch

1. The minutes of July 20, 2004 were reviewed and approved.
2. We discussed the follow up to our conversation with the Chancellor and Provost about the alternate Ombudsperson. We recognized that this is a task that must be made with care and concern. Our letter to the UW-Green Bay community that will be sent this summer will include a statement about the progress that has been made regarding this significant issue.
3. Stemming from our discussion about the importance of good communication on our campus, we briefly talked about how we can implement a communication audit. In an admirable effort of self-monitoring, we decided to postpone our quests for action until all of the components of good campus climate are discussed. This led to...
4. The meaning of a shared vision on our campus. Many ideas flowed in this discussion. Some of the valuable ideas related to the marketing approach of "Connecting Learning to Life," what happened in the past that made this a magical environment (see Betty Brown's book on the history of UW-Green Bay), and the events that attempt to unify campus life. We kept on coming back to the question, "What is our shared vision?" In a burst of energy, Lucy Arendt marched to the white board, and we listed all the "connection opportunities" that currently exist on our campus:

- Convocation
- Campus Picnic
- Friends of the Cofrin Library
- Cultural Cuisine Luncheons
- Brown Bag Luncheons
- Residential Life Move-In during Freshman Orientation
- R & R
- Freshman Orientation
- Academic Excellent Symposium

- Oxford Lecture Series
- Chili Cook off
- Cheese Classic (soon to be resurrected)
- Teaching Scholars Program
- Teaching Conference
- Committee Meetings
- Plant Sale

However, we agreed that despite these numerous activities, our mutually shared vision doesn't really happen because we are socially isolated. A number of ideas were then presented as to how to further encourage the campus community to attend these functions. These suggestions varied from developing a collaborative planning project (e.g., "Phoenix on Parade") to educating managers and supervisors on the value of campus participation.

As results of this discussion, the CCC realized that what were needed on our campus were **shared experiences**, not a shared vision (which is already in place). This could only be actualized if there also is a common time for the campus community to meet. Once again, CCC members recognized that a significant move toward a positive campus climate would involve a change in the way in which time periods are organized during the semesters so that a common time could be freed up.

5. Thus ended our "shared time." We adjourned at 2:30, with another meeting set for August 5, 2004 at 3:00.

**Experientially** submitted,

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