

Meeting Notes

Cowichan Campus Meeting

Friday, September 10, 2010

8:30 am – 10:00 am

B. 602, room 205

Vision

- **Needs to be expressed in such a way that the message/vision fits all aspects of the overall University (i.e. regional and Nanaimo);** remove all language that seems to refer to only one part of institution
- Is the Purpose Statement about the institution or document?

Academic Plan

- Appears that **some aspects of regional/Cowichan not adequately referenced**, e.g. Student services not discussed in detail
- Strong relationship with First Nations training, how will Academic Plan address this work?
 - Getting money for training
 - Training
 - Preparation for transition to Nanaimo
 - Strategic Enrolment Management Plan will address?
- Student services:
 - **Role as teaching** and rank and title and how it affects all
- Teaching and Learning Centre:
 - **What is its focus?** Is it teaching, technology? This will influence how people work there and access it
- Boyer model:
 - seems like it has been adopted
 - Seems to be a hasty decision
 - **Needs more discussion because it influences service**
- **Question of the plans relationship to contract** (e.g. rank and title, evaluation)
- **Concern for timeline** and does Senate reflect all interests?
- Change in regional plan name: **What are implications for regional campuses and university program delivery?**
- Issue of connection to Senate – need a standing committee that addresses regional delivery issues (page 11)
- Question moving Continuing Education programs to other faculties (page 71) – **What is the rationale?**

- Implications of unbundling upon certificates and Centre for Continuing Studies – in regional campus a central delivery, e.g. importance of local business cards/contact; if decision not made locally it has implications for credibility
- Question about “unpacking” of delivery of programs – does it mean getting rid of or delivering differently?
- This should be an opportunity to explore value to institution
- Unpacking of Centre for Continuing Studies threatens long term viability – separate profit centre could be wiped out
- **Lack of appreciation for importance in region** and regional credibility
- History – at one time it made a lot of money for VIU
- **Need more thorough discussion of implications of unpacking Centre for Continuing Studies** and how we can continue to deliver in the region
- Plays an important role in representing the institution
- Sense that Centre for Continuing Studies not part of VIU
- This is a community serving students in different ways
- **Would we come at Academic Plan differently if not a budget issue?**
- Concern for capacity if program planning function not replaced
- Need a local flavour, not from afar; program planning has been cut back 50%
- Cuts affect overall management and delivery at Cowichan
- As centralization occurs, will decisions be made that detrimentally affect regional campuses?
- Can not apply similar economics of scale between varied sized delivery areas
- Potential to build on regional campus strengths and move to increased collaboration across institution, e.g. Centre for Continuing Studies
- Need to value relationships with local students, families, communities – these are special