

Academic Program Development Working Group Report

SCSU Strategic Plan

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Distributed Documents: New Haven Register Article “State Economy at Risk of Slipping,” 10/20/05; Battelle Technology Partnership Practice Report “Building Upon Connecticut’s Core Competencies in the Knowledge Economy: *A Case Statement for Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century Knowledge Economy*,” Connecticut League for Nursing “Enhancing the Education and Supply of Nurses In Connecticut – Report Issued October 2005”

Mission Discussion: Fabulously effective at helping students achieve their academic goals and become good, engaged citizens.

Data Requirements:

- Current and complete set of department profiles
- Survey – Why do students elect to come to SCSU?
- Survey – What do students say when they leave?

Major Issues Identified:

- Signature programs – is this an external or internal designation; can this be used to change the motivation of students to come here?
 - Vehicle to develop new programs?
 - Vehicle to bolster existing programs?
- General Education – needs quality, quantity, depth and breadth
 - Set of core competencies
 - Visionary program
 - Skills training
 - Integrative thinking, processing and skills
 - Philosophy of education should be incorporated by entire university and not just general education
 - Possible strategic initiative – work to have faculty and students value liberal arts and connect the liberal arts with their professional studies.
 - What’s in the way to keep this from happening?
- Contribution to student’s global participation
 - Study abroad experience for students
 - Possible strategic initiative – use of technology to help with integration of a global perspective including the use of teleconferencing

- How do we get faculty to embrace this idea?
- Thematic courses at upper level (general ed and/or disciplinary in nature) with global connections.
 - Strategic issue – deployment of faculty workload

Homework Assignment for March 31st Meeting:

- Create a list of major issues to consider under this topic.
- DonnaJean will ask for further clarification of the idea of the “Signature Programs.”