St. Olaf College

SRAP Steering Committee Meeting Notes: October 26, 2017

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Date:	October 26, 2017	**Project Name:**	SRAP
Time:	7:30am – 9:45am	**Location:**	TOH255

Attendees:	Hanson	Dressen	Sortor
	Walter	Weaver	Beld
Others Present:	Mathews	Aase	
Absent:	Lembke	King	Dietz

Discussion

The non-instructional questionnaire template was reviewed and is ready for publication. The instructional committee focused on the data reports at their last meeting, and will finalize their questionnaire at next week's meeting. Group consensus was that there was endorsement for both questionnaires, barring any major revisions made by the instructional review group. Hanson distributed a summary of the suggestions that have been submitted to date.

General discussion included:

- How do we understand "resetting the trend lines"?
- Are there programs that would attract more great students?
- How can we learn from other institutions that have gone through this process?
- Associate Deans and their chairs and program directors need to work together to craft a vision.
- Weekly email reminder to faculty and staff with SRAP discussion drop-in times and locations.
- Global goal is to reduce $6-8M and will be achieved by a combination of finding new revenues and reducing expenditures.
- Since other colleges are actively addressing financial resets, St. Olaf is not alone in doing so. We have the advantage of engaging in this process from a position of financial strength.
- Let's make sure the college community feels part of the team. Faculty and staff have been doing a great job of working to live within our means. Precisely because we have been good at that, we know that we can't materially change our financial future without significantly changing how we do some things.
- Chairs/deans/associate deans/vps/directors and all college community members have an important role in SRAP and to be engaged.

Next Steps/Agenda

- Finalize instructional template for distribution next week.

Next Meeting(s)

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