9/30/10: Main Street Meeting Minutes

Present: Steve, Janice, Todd, Ted, Mary, Roz, Paula, Sam

There were no minutes to approve.

Announcements:
- Roz, Paula and Steve spent the weekend in Indiana for the Wabash Study
  - The study uses assessments to help institutions move forward with initiatives
  - The St. Olaf study is the Main Street project.
  - Will help with external resources and with the HLC report
- Nathan Soland is moving forward with alumni advisory board.
- Oct. 12 – Steve will be meeting with President Anderson to update him on the Main Street Project.

Discussion on the informational meetings:
- Somewhat disappointed in the attendance
  - However, attendees had great attitudes toward the project
- Next time it would be smart to introduce committee members in case if faculty/staff have questions/comments outside of the meeting.
- The staff to faculty ratio was interesting
  - A difficulty is getting faculty involved and committed to the project
- Are international students being left out?
- A sense that there needs to be a change in academic advising
  - We need to invest in it
- Could use student work as a place where students can further invest their goals
- Questions were risen about the wording of vocation
- The importance of student reflection was a concern
- Should students be required to take the skills inventory?
- Would it be smart to use a place in the curriculum that is already there to help build in different aspects of our objectives (i.e. distinction projects and the EIN course)
- Overall the committee seemed pleased with the results. We accomplished getting our name out and gathering some feedback.

Do we want to redraft the objective statements?
- Consensus was to wait until we have all read the notes gathered at the informational meetings.
- Statements may need some minor adjustments.

How do we mobilize people to get involved in the construction phase?
- There is a nice structure for alums and parents set in place
• Present to SGA (senate) to gather student feedback on how we should get students involved.
  o Can even have each representative to gather feedback from their individual committees for more ideas
• Sociology research project with Ryan Sheppard
  o Findings will be presented Nov. 16th
  o PDA and Steve have both met with the class
  o We should invite Ryan to come in and talk to the committee about the project.
  o Would like to find out what sort of questions the students will be asking.

Public Website for the committee
• Steve will no longer be able to produce website and is looking for help developing it.

Homework Assignment
• The idea is to start generating thoughts on how to start making progress on identifying and considering program ideas.
  o Be creative and bold
  o Each member should email out their ideas to the committee by next Thursday.