

**President's Commission on Student Centeredness**  
**Minutes**  
**October 4, 2006**

Alice Skeens welcomed the group. It was suggested that the "minutes" agenda item be moved to the end of the meeting.

Dr. Jacobs suggested that we take an existential approach to defining student centeredness. He'd like the Commission to wait a few months for some work to be accomplished before we discuss how to define student centeredness.

Matt Lockwood reported on the student centeredness award. John Adams from Marketing stated that the nomination process would be easiest if we used an electronic-only submission process. It was also suggested that the campus be invited to give the student centeredness campaign a name. One suggestion for the name is the "Extra Mile award". Finally, a design for the pin will begin immediately.

Penny Poplin Gosetti reported on the Rocket Launch agenda item. The group has met a couple of times and is reviewing what is currently working well with the orientation program and what needs improved. Dr. Jacobs passed out an evaluation form that is used at the Health Science campus and discussed the need to evaluate this program as an educational experience. Jennifer Rockwood asked to be on this committee. It was suggested that both students and parents be invited to be on the committee as well.

Sue Ott Rowlands reported that she has asked the faculty in her college to post their syllabi on the web. She stated that there has been some confusion about how to post to the web. Bernie Bopp has written some instructions of how to post and has sent the instructions to faculty members. In addition, he reported that the Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a workshop on it. Melissa Crabtree reported that the response has been overwhelming; there are nearly 1,000 syllabi posted on the web now (up from 14).

Alice Skeens explained that it would be helpful to form subgroups of the Commission to work on specific action items. The group discussed the student payroll issues at length and it was decided that a subgroup would be formed to look into the issue. The other subgroups that were formed include a student centeredness award subgroup (Carol Bresnahan, chair), and a communications subgroup (Matt Lockwood, chair). These groups will inform the Commission of their outcomes.

Finally, in regards to meeting minutes, the group will not formally approve meeting minutes at each meeting. Rather, if there is a discrepancy in the meeting minutes, please inform Alice Skeens of any corrections.