

FRAC Meeting Notes April 24, 2007

Two handouts were provided:

- 1) DRAFT – MSU Federal Appropriations Process
- 2) DRAFT – ORED Strategic Planning Process

Comments/Discussion concerning Item 1 (Federal Appropriations Process)

- Comment - Congressional Staffers have their objectives; we need to sell to them.
- Suggestion - “Publications Garnered” needs to be added as 2b
- Comment - Jr. Faculty would probably not go to workshop
- Action Item - Marty Fuller needs to be key speaker
- Comment - Background information of how much leg work has already been done on project would be helpful.
- Comment - Need an advocate for the project
 - Response - This is kind of what the Oct/Nov. section is about
- Suggestion - Need to develop a 10 year strategic plan

Comments/Discussion concerning Item 2 (ORED Strategic Planning Process)

- Suggestion - Add “strengths, needs, weakness or resource” to the quote in #1 of handout.
- Suggestion - Add “b. What categories should we engage in?”
- Suggestion - Do a SWAT Analysis to answer question 1
- Suggestion - Include Research Centers in the group being compiled for the focus group
- Suggestion - On #3, it should be “...measure goals ‘with a timeline.’”
- Comment - # 5 needs to have an evaluation w/clear criteria
- The purpose? If you have a plan then it helps us see where the money will be best utilized and see high points. We need to raise our stature to nationally recognized levels.
- Suggestion - Between #2 & #3 we should involve the Dean’s.
- Suggestion - Add #6 – Marketing of plan (Include faculty, staff, students communities and national level)
- Comment - An issue that was absent – Economic Development was not addressed. We need external involvement.
 - Response: We have relationships with business, we don’t have to involve externally.
 - Response: Carnegie isn’t interested in Economic Development.
- Suggestion – Maybe we should include a second part to the question in #1 that includes economic development
- Suggestion – An additional number needs to be added as to how we implement the plan. What are the incentives?
- Comment – All plans will change. You must build on the strengths that are here.