

Good Men Plan @ H-SC Working Group
Meeting #3
March 1, 2012 – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Bortz Library – Room 200

Members present:

Dr. Dale Jones, Chair
Mr. Hunter Brown '14
Dr. B. Ellen Byrne
Ms. Eunice Carwile
Ms. Sandy Cooke
Ms. Candy Dowdy
Dr. Caroline Emmons
Ms. Karin Gollin

Mr. Loren Hubbard
Dr. David Lewis
Mr. Drew Prehmus '08
Mr. John Ramsay '05
Dr. Mike Utzinger

Guest: Dr. Paul Mueller

The Group reviewed the First Draft--March 1, 2012 of the "White Paper on C-Days at Hampden-Sydney College." An outline of the draft follows:

- The purpose and goals of C-Days
- What C-Days will offer (intellectual enrichment and extracurricular engagement)
- Themes of C-Days
- The connection with the Strategic Plan (not included in this draft)
- Student engagement in C-Days and the Good Men Plan
- Student development into Good Men (not included in this draft)
- Integration of event ideas and existing events for C-Days (not included in this draft)
- Event ideas
- Existing events (not included in this draft)
- Example schedule for C-Days (not included in this draft)
- Metrics to evaluate C-Days (not included in this draft)

It is to be clear that this document is a working draft only.

Dr. Utzinger discussed the "Student Engagement" section, defining "engagement" as "educationally purposeful activities," and explaining that studies show that student engagement is "positively correlated to student satisfaction with and persistence to complete their educational experience." Student engagement is to be the primary purpose of the Good Men Plan. Dr. Utzinger also discussed the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and its measure of "enriching educational experiences" (EEE), and how H-SC compares with its peers and aspirants. While HSC performs better than its peers in most of the NSSE categories, we are only in the median in the areas of active and collaborative learning and enriching educational activities, particularly for freshmen. The College does well in retaining freshmen; not so well in retaining sophomores. The Good Men Plan will help to address those elements of student engagement. Throughout our work with the GMP, we can use NSSE as both a guide and a way to measure our effectiveness.

Loren Hubbard '13 and Hunter Brown '14 reviewed their ideas for events on C-Days,

emphasizing that most students will appreciate creative, innovative activities and speakers, and would want them to be “a little off-base, something we don’t do every day.” Faculty members reminded them of the need for some purpose and structure.

Actions:

- Dr. Lewis will present a brief presentation about C-Days at the Faculty meeting on March 5. He will not present the draft at that meeting, but will alert them to anticipate a proposal from the Working Group at the April meeting.
- The members of the Working Group are to review the Draft and email Dr. Jones, copying the whole group, with questions and suggestions. It would be helpful if Dr. Jones could receive those before the end of this week, but editing and revising of the draft can go on over the next few weeks.
- Members charged with completing sections should do so, and discuss with Dr. Jones and the group any questions they may have or information they may need.