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College of 2025 Conversation

April 23, 2013

Host: Vishal Anand

Attending: Melchor de Guzman, Laurie Downey, Dan Fletcher, Trevor Johnson-Steigelman, Swaroop Korn, Adam Rich

- Seven people in group;
- All were very enthusiastic right from the start and agreed this was an excellent idea to meet in small groups and talk about the future; good opportunity for people from different disciplines (including non-teaching) to exchange ideas and meet – why this is not done more often!
- What make Brockport different – right size as now (small enough for students to get face to face time and support from faculty and be part of the community and big enough to be interesting!); affordability; should try to maintain the current size and nature as opposed to talks/plans of making it a Masters Level Comprehensive College; we are not geared and it is not in our DNA to be a Masters Level College – should continue to do what we have done well and excel even further at it
- Good diversity of faculty and students, which should be maintained
- Not enough exposure to external community, which is critical and should be improved; build facilities and events that help interaction between the College and community and also amongst faculty in the same dept./between depts. such as lounges/common-areas; faculty also feel that there is not enough exposure to admin either
- Technology and information/digital is the future, we need more courses that focus on technology; courses/work in the future will be mostly interdisciplinary; technology playing a big part; our students are not ready for this – need to think more along these lines and include technology from the start and in many Gen Ed courses.
- There should be more interaction with the admin and “real” shared governance so that plans can be made collectively. Faculty are the core of the College and should not be excluded or alienated
- Most faculty feel stressed, underrepresented with too many duties/expectations and too few resources. It is impossible and unrealistic to work in such an environment.