Identity Retreat

The entire meeting was dedicated to the “Identity Retreat” slated for the next day. The final list of main facilitators was discussed (Steve Pontell, David Gensler, and David Logan). The meeting revolved around what was expected to be gotten from the exercise and what effect it would have in the future of the university. It was made clear that the retreat would be focused on a vision of the future, rather than the current state of things. A discussion of student retention ensued.

Near to the end of the meeting, the next steps for WRSC were outlined. They would begin with the retreat from which Gensler would give the product from it to WRSC. WRSC will take Gensler’s product and create a document that will then be given to all departments and units at Woodbury. The Departments will in effect provide WRSC with a document discussing their potential role in the university’s vision (even though this vision will not be completely hashed out). There will then be another retreat that will convene to discuss the results and see how far we have come in aligning ourselves with common goals and values. This information will be given to the board for their retreat, and a document will be created from the board. This document will allow for a revisiting of the mission, and all departments will be expected to create missions in line with the university’s mission. Although this process was not set in stone, it provides a roadmap for the next few months that will allow for some deviation.