WRSC Committee Meeting  
April 3, 2006, 3:00 PM  
Hensel Hall Meeting Room

Present:  
Barbara Bowley  
Zelda Gilbert  
Nick Roberts  
Randy Stauffer  
Paul Decker  
Ilene Blaisch  
Steve Dyer  
Claudia Campos

The committee reviewed the e-mail responses to the draft mission statement. The number of responses was 16. Barbara and Steve felt that the responses from the retreats were statistically more significant since they came from the whole community.

Ethical was mentioned frequently in the responses.

Barbara noted that she had heard from the president that the first sentence of the existing mission statement was non-negotiable. Zelda was concerned that it emphasized professional education at the expense of liberal arts. Ilene suggested saying “professional and liberal arts.”

Steve suggested adding our values to the existing mission and putting the current values further down.

We agreed the whole document must fit on one page.

Ilene liked response S16. Some felt “Life-long learners” is passé and that S16 seemed too wordy.

Zelda: Edit S16’s second sentence to read: “Our goal is to prepare ethical and innovative learners who are willing to cross the boundaries of knowledge.”

It was suggested that talking about “ethical,” and where it fits in the statement, could take the pressure off other words in the statement.

There was discussion of the value of communication versus leadership.

Final draft:
Woodbury University is committed to providing the highest level of professional and liberal arts education in its undergraduate and graduate programs. The integrated nature of our educational environment cultivates successful students with a strong and enduring sense of personal and social responsibility. We prepare innovative learners who are adept at communicating and willing to cross the boundaries of knowledge in a rapidly changing and complex global environment.

Agreed to put it on the write board and study for a couple of days. Barbara will put it up.
Adjourned 4:15.

Nick Roberts.