REPORT TO ACADEMIC CABINET ON FALL KICKOFF WORKSHOP
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General Summary:
In general, the results of the surveys distributed at the Fall Kickoff event on Faith Integration indicated that different constellations of issues exist around the general topic of faith Integration. Some issues concerned general faith integration resources that would be made available to all faculty regardless of their location. Others concerned the general issue of funding for faith integration research, professional improvement, or release time. While still other concerns focused on accessibility to faith integration resource persons. The Institute of Faith Integration can address some of these issues with relative ease. However, the issue of funding is one of a larger magnitude and requires more attention than simply the work of one office. One further note here is that there is a great deal of work being done that faculty are simply unaware of and therefore we need to do a better job at advertising our efforts.

One other general area of concern has to do with discipline or topic specific issues. These issues should probably be dealt with primarily at the departmental or program level since the resources required extend beyond the more general resources the Institute has to offer. Moreover, if we want to “grow our own” experts in specific areas we should turn our attention to funding various faculty in departments for their professional development and/or consider developing Advisory Councils.

Note on the responses:
There were a total of 115 responses (in terms of the “bullet points”) and of those responses some topics were combined. At times, the writing appears to be illegible and some comments were simply facetious (e.g. in response to “What do you need?” one respondent wrote, “A very large check”) while others suggested something along the lines of placing a Bible in every classroom. There were also other comments that seemed to address a specific issue (e.g., that everyone needs to read one specific book). Since these were isolated issues—and did not represent a common theme—I did not believe they warranted special attention.

Responses to what resources are needed and how they should be delivered

1. Funding for Time/Courses/Research 25 comments
2. Online/DVD resources: 24 comments
3. More Courses/workshops/seminars 18 comments
4. Departmental Issues 13 comments
5. Off-site resources for adjuncts & Satellite Campuses 9 comments
6. CFEP-related 8 comments
7. Faith Integration and Diversity Issues 7 comments
8. Bibliographical helps & Books lists 6 comments
How might we address each of these issues?

1. Funding for Time for Course Release & Research?
   a. Funding from the Provost’s Office for Faith Integration course-releases for research (3 courses each semester)
   b. Continued funding for the Faith Integration courses
   c. Assign an advancement officer to Faith Integration Resources
   d. Deans/Schools designate a Faith Integration Scholar each semester for 3 hour course-load release
   e. Annual Faith Integration University Scholar Award

2. Online/DVD resources?
   a. Continued Development of on-line narrated powerpoint lectures for:
      i. New faculty seminar
      ii. General Faculty
      iii. Videos
   b. Deans/Schools develop specific DVD (or online) resources for their specific programs.

3. More Faith Integration Courses and Workshops?
   a. Deans/Schools need to take advantage of the Workshop Funds for Faith Integration
   b. Department/Program Specific Faith Integration Workshops/ Luncheons
   c. Continued Faith Integration-CFEP Workshops (once a month this academic year)

4. Department/Program Issues?
   a. Should be dealt with at the departmental or program level
   b. Programs may want to consider a Faith Integration Program Advisory Board which would be composed of academics of professionals in the field

5. Off-site resources for Adjuncts and Faculty at Satellite Campuses?
   a. Continued Development of on-line narrated powerpoint lectures for:
      i. New faculty seminar
      ii. General Faculty
      iii. Videos
   b. One & Two-day faith integration seminars on:
      i. General issues on faith integration
      ii. Faith Integration & Ethics
      iii. Faith Integration Teaching/Pedagogy/Androgogy

6. CFEP-related issues?
   a. Continued Development of On-line resources that are targeted to meeting the CFEP requirements for Faith Integration
   b. Continued Faith Integration-CFEP Workshops (once a month this academic year)
   c. Deans & Department Chairs need to repeatedly communicate with faculty what the CFEP expectations are
7. How do we connect Faith Integration and CFEP issues?
   a. Office of Diversity and Faith Integration work together on joint presentations
   b. A program or series for Faculty on “Tough Issues in the Classroom” which would address issues of religious & cultural aspects of diversity in ways that are sensitive to both our Christian orientation and our students’ concerns

8. Bibliographical Helps and Book Lists?
   a. Remind faculty of current resources on-line
   b. Development of a Faith Integration Library Section
   c. Have schools, departments, and programs develop their own faith integration book lists