

Committee Report to DIAC

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- Committee:
 - Vince Newsom-Chairman
 - Frank St. John
 - Terri Talbert-Hatch
 - Kevin Zaletel
 - Clayton Nicholas
 - Sam White
- Last committee meeting: 5/29/2009

- **Guide and advise the school on DRR matters by..**
 - **Reviewing of goals and metrics**
 - **Compare 2007 vs. 2008 peer information metrics**
 - **Recommending and supporting programs and activities**
 - **Provide support to student programs (Pathways to Engineering, MEAP, Power)**
 - **Critiquing schools activities and initiatives**
 - **Providing an industry perspective**
 - **Make recommendations to I-STEM**
 - **Select next year's committee chairman**
 - **Providing a link to the school's Diversity Council**
 - **Provide recommendations/support for school's diversity grant**

- **Diversity Grant update (\$90K)**
 - **Goals with a focus on leadership development**
 - Utilize pre-professional minority student groups and empower them to actively participate in both recruitment and retention
 - Capitalize on existing summer outreach programs
 - Offer incentives for faculty to serve as focused mentors
 - **Status**
 - Identified 5 students in the spring and arranged for some tutoring
 - Identified tutors/mentor from SWE, NSBE and SHPE
 - All students will participate as a counselor for a summer program
 - Currently reviewing admits for additional participation

- Next task is to update committee goals
 - Currently they're more objective oriented
 - Plan to meet today to begin our discussions
 - Plan to meet with the Dean to set priorities

- Plan to review student programs to gain a better understanding of program objectives and offer feedback
 - Model like the Research Committee's initiatives