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The Graduate Education Task Force likes to extend an invitation to our NEIU community and strategic partners to participate in the conversations that will help shape the future of graduate education at NEIU. To that extent we will be hosting focus groups during the month of November. We have defined our groups in accordance to our six goals:

1. Identify the core mission of graduate education at NEIU.
2. Define a set of metrics that can help determine the viability of a graduate program
3. Perform an environmental scan
4. Determine a good organizational structure to manage NEIU's graduate programs
5. Explore the feasibility of a doctoral program(s) to be hosted in the College of Education
6. Explore the option of Dual Degree programs

Please check the attached document for a more descriptive presentation for each group, with designated meeting times. If you are interested in participating in a group but you cannot attend a particular meeting please contact the groups leadership for alternative ways of participation.

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Graduate Education Task Force 2010-2011

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Focus Group 1: Core Mission of Graduate Education at NEIU

Co-Chairs: Shahrzad Mahootian ? Joaquin Villegas

Description: The goal of this group is to determine the scope, objectives and goals of current and future graduate programs with the purpose of enhancing academic achievement across the disciplines and preparing students professionally.

Possible discussion topics include:

1. What should the core mission of a graduate education be?
2. What do you think your students expect to get from a graduate education?
3. What are your program goals and objectives for your students?

Focus Group 2: Metrics for Viability of Programs

Co-Chairs: Dennis Gramenos - Marcelo Sztainberg

Description: The goal of this group is to define a set of metrics that can help determine the viability of a graduate program and NEIU. We will study and compare variables that could help the success and sustainability of our programs.

Possible discussion topics include:

1. Faculty a staff needed to run a Masters program
2. Number of students that would make a program sustainable
3. Course offerings and other resources needed
4. Comparison with other institutions and programs

Focus Group 3: Work Force Demands and Peer Institutions Implications for Graduate Studies at NEIU

Co-Chairs: Jeanine Ntahirageza, Craig Johnston

Description: The mission of this group is to identify the need for existent, new, and emerging programs in light of current and future labor force demands. The group will identify areas of study that will enhance the university by building upon current departments as well as the potential need and feasibility of new college/departments through analysis of supply and demand among peer institutions.

Possible topics of discussion include:

1. Review of labor market data both in the Chicago Metropolitan Area as well as the Nation
2. Identification of emerging areas of study
3. Analysis of presence of these study areas among peer institutions in the Chicago Metropolitan Area
4. Preliminary discussion on the feasibility of such programs
5. Analysis of existing areas of study in peer institutions and evaluation of whether or not they are thriving, managing or failing

Focus Group 4: Organizational Structure of the Graduate College

Co-Chairs: Jade Stanley, Marian Gidea

Description: This focus group aims to review the structure of the Graduate College and to make recommendations regarding an organizational model that supports academic achievement and professional growth, efficient implementation of procedures and policies, recruitment, and program development.

Some possible topics of discussion include:

2. Review past and current functions in the organization and administration of the Graduate College.
2. Examine graduate college models maintained by institutions in the peer group.
3. Make recommendations for possible enhancements in the areas of recruitment, admissions, development, and public relations
4. Evaluate services for students and faculty that could be provided by the Graduate College.
5. Formulate a profile for a graduate faculty member.

Focus Group 5: COE PhD Program Feasibility

Co-Chairs: Moira Stuart, Theresa Segura-Herrera, Essam Elshafie

Description: The objective of the focus group is to explore the feasibility of offering doctoral studies within the College of Education at NEIU. To this end, the focus group will seek to determine potential student interest and factors that influence the decision making process to enter a doctoral program Along

with focus groups this subcommittee will review prior related reports, evaluate input from College of Education faculty, consider whether other peer institutions are offering similar PhD programs, investigate the demand for the degree, and evaluate resources to sustain a doctoral program at NEIU.

Possible topics of discussion include:

1. Disciplines or areas of concentration for the program
2. Factors that would attract students to pursue a PhD program at NEIU
3. Analysis of similar programs in our region

Focus Group 6: Feasibility of Dual Degree programs at NEIU

Co-Chairs: Michelle Kane, David Leaman

Description: This focus group on Dual Degree Programs seeks to examine the feasibility of initiating dual degree programs (undergraduate/graduate) at Northeastern Illinois University. Additionally, the pros and cons of adopting a dual degree program model will be explored during this session. All members of the university community are encouraged to participate to provide input.

Possible topics of discussion include:

1. Common set of requirements for student eligibility
2. Analysis on quantity and requirements for courses that could be applied for a dual degree
3. Review of similar programs at other institutions
4. Advantages and disadvantages of dual degree programs at NEIU