

## **Nobel Strengths, Needs, Opportunities, and Threats Assessment (SNOTA) Team Meeting Minutes**

Date, Time and Location: January 18, 2006, 8:00 AM, Biology Conference Room

Present: Scott Bur, Mark Bjelland, Jeff Dahlseid, Brenda Kelly and Jeff Jeremiason

Absent: Mike Ferragamo, Cindy Johnson-Groh, Carolyn Dobler, and Russ Shapiro

- A. Discussed the composition of the team going to the PKAL workshop at Meredith, College in Raleigh, NC on March 3-6, 2006. Tentative team members are: Jeff Jeremiason, Jeff Dahlseid, Scott Bur, and Cindy Johnson-Groh. The team plans to issue an invitation to Russ Shapiro.
- B. Scott Bur raised the question whether we should have one committee or two committees. There was no resolution to this question.
- C. Feedback on the building-wide meeting on January 6, 2006 was positive.
- D. 12-Month Follow-Up Report to PKAL  
The report was due in December 2005. The delay is justifiable given the changes in academic leadership at the college. The committee designated Dean Cindy Johnson-Groh to take the lead in submitting the report to PKAL. Jeff Dahlseid suggested outlining the report with four sections:
  1. Decisions
  2. Actions
  3. Plans
  4. Issues

As for decisions, we have 1) formed a committee to look at space needs within Nobel Hall, 2) hired two faculty and made space allocation decisions for them, 3) designated a dedicated lab space for the interdisciplinary neuroscience program, 4) made a list of funding priorities that was submitted to the Wallenberg Foundation, and 5) made a siting decision regarding geology's X-Ray Diffraction instrument.

As for the specific recommendations in the PKAL report:

- 1) We have initiated discussions about pedagogy, interdisciplinary programs, and faculty development initiatives. These discussions are in their infancy. The Nobel SNOTA team will facilitate further discussions in these areas.
- 2) Rather than creating a planning committee charged with overseeing the short-term modifications to Nobel Hall, that authority has been delegated by the Nobel SNOTA Team to individual departments. Modifications are constrained by the principle, established by the academic dean, that no department will lose space to another department.

- 3) The Nobel SNOTA team is exploring shared use of instructional spaces and has begun considering concrete proposal to do so.
  - 4) With regard to the pursuit of extramural funding for instrumentation, the Nobel SNOTA Team will be requesting that departments submit a report listing their plans and priorities for new instrumentation. The Nobel SNOTA Team will examine the departmental plans for possible synergies.
  - 5) The Nobel SNOTA team is the long-term academic community-based planning committee envisioned by PKAL. Due to timing issues, it was not possible for this committee to be involved in planning the new Social Sciences Building.
- E. Request to Departments:  
The Nobel SNOTA Team will issue to each of the four Nobel Hall departments a request due February 21, 2006 asking for a list of: 1) major instrumentation in the process of being purchased and/or installed, 2) major instrumentation being requested by extramural funding or new faculty start-up money, and 3) priorities for new and/or replacement instrumentation.