

Strategic Plan for Campus Ministry at Wichita State University

Mission Statement...

“pursues its mission utilizing the human diversity of Wichita, the state’s largest metropolitan community, and its many cultural, economic, and social resources. The university faculty and professional staff are committed to the highest ideals of teaching, scholarship, and public service, as the university strives to be a comprehensive, metropolitan university of national stature.”

Vision Statement:

The Campus Ministry at Wichita State University respects the wisdom found in the world’s great spiritual traditions and offers a university ministry of inclusiveness and acceptance carried out in love.

Historically grounded in the Christian tradition, the ministry fosters a conversation among members of all faiths represented on the campus of Wichita State University and encourages person of faith to enter into the heart of his or her own faith tradition while respecting and learning from the faith traditions of others.

Strategic Questions

Mission Statement:

To provide a Christian voice on campus that encourages students to explore and experience their faith.

Present Programs:

- Weekly worship services at Grace Memorial Chapel
- Weekly Bible Study at Rhatigan Student Center (RSC)
- Quarterly meeting with United Methodist Women’s college unit
- Small group discussion- Student Activity Council (special topics)
- Special events with inter-departmental sponsors
- Mission service projects
- Interfaith programs and dialogue
- Peer ministers/student associates helping with worship

Present Staff and Program Goals:

“Prepare a new generation of Christian leaders: leadership development”

- Develop two Peer Ministers for worship and bible study.
- Presently, four students are assisting with worship services, all volunteers.
- Two students from St. Mark UMC helping with worship and music.
- Another student is the organist. The other does the PR around campus.

A. Staff needed and timeline for implementation.

2006-2007:

- 2 Peer ministers, 10 hours a week, \$1,500 a semester, assisting with worship service and music
- Train and equip Student Ministry Outreach Ministry Team
- Begin process for full-time campus minister

2007:

- Increase Campus Minister to 30 hours
- 3 Peer Ministers. 1 added to the summer semester

2007-2008:

- Support Campus Minister’s hours to 30-40 hours
- 4 Peer Ministers

2008-2010:

- Full time Campus Minister
- 5-6 Peer Ministers

B. Facilities

We are located at the Rhatigan Student Center, which is located in the center of the campus. We are pleased to be at a prime location. This past semester, there has been promotion and PR work to let students know of what offices are located in this building. Campus Ministry has been invited to all its functions and events. We are able to interact with students and hold our Bible studies and small group discussions in the meeting rooms. We hold special events and gatherings in the Ballroom. We have access to the Grace Memorial Chapel to hold our worship services.

C. What financial support will we need to underwrite these ministries, staff, and facilities?

- UMCM in Kansas
- Our ecumenical sponsors
- Local churches/individuals (alumni)
- Fundraising
- Grants
- Establish church partnerships to sponsor a peer minister

D. What specific goals and objectives for meeting these plans will we establish by which we will judge our success on an annual basis?

Goal 1: Participate with campus-wide events for visibility inviting students to campus ministries' events and activities.

1. Contact students through these functions and pass out brochures.
2. Invite new students by email and letters.
3. Speak at local churches.

Goal 2: Provide worship service and Bible study.

1. Hold Bible study classes in the meeting rooms of Rhatigan Student Center (RSC).
2. Worship services held at Grace Memorial Chapel/

Goal 3: Promote peer ministers

1. Leadership development by serving in a variety of ways of ministry.

Goal 4: Peer minister/outreach and mission

1. Mission service projects (mission trip planned for 2006 spring break)
2. The United Methodist Women are helping single women with children, particularly during the holidays.

Goal 5: Peer minister/social justice ministry

1. Justice teaching and ministry; provides students with a vision of a humane and compassionate world so they can question unjust social structures and effect social transformation both on and beyond campus, as well as reach out to those in need.

Goal 6: Small group discussions/inter-departmental collaboration

1. Sharing resources and programming with other university departments such as; Multicultural Affairs office, Student Council, Dean of Students, Health Professions and the International Department.
2. Campus Minister may lead a discussion or facilitate special topics.

Goal 7: Community fellowship

1. Providing opportunities of dialogue and celebration with other worshipping communities.
2. Each October/November there is an Interfaith Dialogue Banquet held on campus. We are one of the seven sponsors to hold this event. We would like to continue this yearly event.

Goal 8: Retreat

1. To hold an annual retreat to equip and train peer ministers.

E. What ministries do you believe the conference should provide to support your area?

1. Provide training and continuing education for both Campus Minister and Peer Ministers.
2. Hold an annual meeting of Campus Ministers with the Bishop.
3. Dialogue is needed to share ideas and give each other support.