



Accola Programs & Opportunities Committee
Monday, February 10; 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
In-person and via Zoom

Attendees: Kevin Berg; Anita S. Duckor, CSJ-C; Karen Gervais; Fr. Larry Snyder; Colleen O'Malley, CSJ; Adele O'Sullivan, CSJ; Sandy Vargas; Anne Weyandt

Staff: Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

Excused Absence: Comfort Dondo; Fr. Larry Snyder

The Accola Programs and Opportunities Committee convened in-person and online at 2:33 p.m.

Welcome New Committee Member: Sandy Vargas

Anne welcomed Sandy Vargas to the committee. Introductions were made by all present members.

DEI Statement: Anne read the DEI Statement and led the committee in prayer.

Spiritual Centering: Anne shared a reflection by Elizabeth Johnson with the committee.

Minutes: The January minutes were presented for approval. Hearing no changes or corrections, Colleen moved and Adele seconded to approve the minutes. Anita abstained due to an excused absence. All present members vote to approve the minutes.

Review & Finalize Board Recommendation

Matt provided a draft of the finalized recommendation to go before the Board. This document highlights the process used by the Programs & Opportunities Committee process regarding the Wisdom Ways project. It highlights the pertinent data/responses collected and provides a good framework for the future of Wisdom Ways.

The Programs and Opportunities Committee reviewed each section of the recommendation. There was a discussion about the term "cohorts" and refining the definition of "community." The committee discussed the importance of multi-directional learning and a willingness to being open to different ideas and perspectives. It was suggested that the document be revised to explicitly state how Wisdom Ways will fit into Accola. The committee discussed "spirituality" and how this drives action and energy. The committee also discussed the importance of partnerships and collaboration.

Matt will take the committee's feedback and revise the recommendation accordingly. It was pointed out that this recommendation will take place over two meetings. A presentation of the recommendation will be made at the February meeting and with approval to move forward determined in March. This will give the Board time to digest the recommendation, ask questions, provide feedback, and reflect.

The committee discussed how the process should be regarding the job description of the new Director.

The Programs and Opportunities Committee reached consensus about moving the recommendation to do

a redesign of Wisdom Ways to the Board.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lacy Sietsema, Accola