

Agenda/Notes

Present: Tom Avey,

- 1) FC Member and Moderator Terms: Do we still agree to proceed?
 - a) We need to carefully explain why this is being done to avoid suspicions.
 - b) Make sure the change happens in light of an implementation plan.
 - c) Schedule
 - i) Tom will work on drafts
 - ii) Present to Leadership team in December
 - iii) Communicate to FC
 - iv) Vote in January
- 2) Enduring Visionary Leadership Community (EVLC) (note: I don't think this is a properly a structures committee issue. Our discussion should be preliminary.)
 - a) Background
 - b) Do we need one? How does it related to a "fellowship?" How does it relate to the moderators?
 - c) Why? What would its purpose be?
 - d) What values should it preserve?
 - e) What tools (resources) do/can we give it?
 - i) Conference?
 - ii) National Office?
 - iii) Nat Orgs?
 - iv) They will have to develop their own?
 - f) What is the nature of the Fellowship Council in relationship to vision and strategy?
 - g) Discussion
 - i) We need to avoid a kitchen cabinet that really runs things but is not elected.
 - ii) There are ways to have an EVLC without creating the Kitchen cabinet.
 - iii) If vision is carried by our moderators, than we need to elect moderators who are visionary.
 - iv) What if you have the executive committee that invited others who are visionary to ask "what are we all about?"
 - v) We need to match up visionary people with the elected moderators.
 - h) Task - Decision
 - i) Tom will work on a proposal.
 - ii) Each Structures member will add ideas from his area of concern passion.
 - iii) Target date:
 - (1) Written responses by the 27th from Structures guys.
 - (2) First daft from Tom by Nov 6th
 - (3) Next phone meeting: Nov 17 @ 1:30 EST, 10:30 PST
- 3) Policy Manual (for the Fellowship Council and EVLC)
 - a) Carver model
 - i) Ends
 - ii) Relationship
 - (1) Between the EVLC and Fellowship Council
 - iii) Function
 - (1) How the FC functions internally.
 - iv) Means (restrictions)
 - b) Examples:
 - i) Ends: Vision statement, specific goals etc

- ii) Relationship: “The moderator will report each year on...”
 - iii) Function: “The purpose of the Structures committee is to evaluate the effectiveness of the council, recommend names for committees (including the nominating committee), monitor the policy manual and recommend changes to that manual.”
 - iv) Means: “The moderator can do whatever it takes to meet the ends except...”
- 4) The Manual of Procedure says, “The Fellowship Council and Nominating Committee shall make reasonable effort to include qualified laity in leadership positions in the Fellowship.”
- a) How can we do this better?
 - b) Is it still a good idea?
 - c) We need to ask the nominating committee to include questions about Laity in their communication to pastors looking for nominations.
 - d) We need to create an avenue to allow non-vocational men to express interest for leadership.
 - e) FC reps can contact liaison assignments to look for names.
- 5) Meeting plans
- a) Any suggestions to the Leadership team about the way our annual meeting is conducted?
 - i) Dates? Location? Basic schedule?