

Discussions Regarding the Restructuring of Keystone

From the Sept., 27 Keystone Minutes:

Through discussion, it became evident that the faculty held varied perceptions of the council's origin and role. Copies of the by-laws will be distributed to council members for review. Further need for clarification will be determined after members have reviewed the document.

From the Jan. 24 Keystone Minutes:

Reasons for restructuring Keystone:

- Keystone's original mandate, as articulated in Article I of the bylaws is too broad and inclusive for one body to address.
- School policies and procedures have changed since Keystone's inception. These changes require a review of the role of Keystone.

Proposal from Dr. O'Malley

- how selected?*
- Keystone would become a smaller body that would meet with the principal on a weekly basis.
 - This body would focus on concerns specifically related to faculty and staff (i.e. mandates 1 and 5 from Article I of the Keystone bylaws).
 - A school improvement council ("Blue Ribbon School Improvement Council") would be created. The council would include faculty, staff, students, parents, administration, College of Ed. representatives and community representatives.
 - This Blue Ribbon council would address school policies and procedures (i.e. mandate 4 of Article I of Keystone bylaws).
 - The council would be advisory in nature.
 - This principal would select council members.
 - The council would meet every other month.
- To whom
Keystone or Blue Ribbon*

Gary noted that all aspects of Keystone's mandates are essential and the faculty need a representative body, but the current council is not inclusive enough to tackle the above tasks. (1/24)