Ideas for the Dec. 3 MPA meeting...

Mike - - -Thanks for the call. Here are several choices for this meeting. We do not have time to do everything. Help me figure out what has the most value for you and the faculty.

Option 1: Analyze current satisfaction with the three Cohorts and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the Cohort that is performing the least well.

1. Use a scoring exercise to get the group’s choice on which cohort most needs to be ‘re-tooled’ or re-thought in some way.
2. Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the selected Cohort from #1 (predicted to be the Tribal Cohort). This will be a listing exercise creating a list of Strengths that should be preserved and a separate list of weaknesses that should be addressed. We will not have time to plan a remedial intervention for this chosen Cohort.
3. Side question that the group may want to address: “Does the MPA Program want to continue the model of students being required to stay in their chosen Module?”

Option 2: Analyze and remedial intervention for the Tribal Cohort.

1. Use a scoring exercise to get the group’s satisfaction level about how much this Cohort needs to be ‘re-tooled’ or re-thought.
2. Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of this Cohort. As above, this will be a listing exercise creating a list of Strengths that should be preserved and a separate list of weaknesses that should be addressed.
3. Select the most critical weaknesses to address and brainstorm how to close these gaps.
4. Side question that the group may want to address: “Keep the original orientation of internal tribal governance, change to an orientation of tribal governance interacting with non-tribal governance institutions, or decide what is the right mix of these two orientations?”

Option 3: Return to the Modules from Meeting #1.

1. Have the group select the Module they most want to work on (predicted to be the 4-Credit Hour Module).
2. Discussion to ensure everyone defines the chosen Module the same.
3. Brainstorm a list of items answering the question, “What else needs to happen to make this Module work the way we want and ready for implementation on [ insert date ].
4. Vote to select the first items to work on.
5. Assignment(s) to parcel out the needed work effort for #4.

Other options???