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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

September 28, 2016

8:00-9:00 AM, EAB 200

MINUTES

Attending: Paul Barnes, Melissa Berke, Bret Blackman, Anne Branigan, Juan Casas, Chancellor Christensen, Melissa Cast-Brede, Bill Conley, Patrick Davlin, Charlotte Evans, Anthony Flott, James Freeman, Daniel Hawkins, Stephen Houston, Jody Neathery-Castro, Liz Reyes-Nunez, Jill Russell, Sarah Osborn, Hank Robinson, Connie Schaffer, Deborah Smith-Howell, Birud Sindhav, Sara Woods.

1. Chancellor's Update. Chancellor Christensen defined this time as an important one for the State. He talked about the task of updating the strategic plan including streamlining objectives and finding metrics that could be useful for UNO. Chancellor Christensen will meet legislators from the Metro area on Monday, October 3rd. Also he commented further on the news about his recently announced retirement.

2. Introductions

- Around the room
- Updated membership List/Dates for the Year
- Note date change for first Forum

3. Debrief on 2015-16 Working Groups

- Updating the Plan (see item 4 below)
- Metropolitan University Mission Communication Plan – Erin Owen will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Strategic Planning Forum – Kathe Lyons will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Unit Plan Alignment – Jill Russell reported the collection of the strategic planning documents from all academic departments continues.

4. Updating the Strategic Plan – Deborah Smith-Howell, Sara Woods

Deborah and Sara gave a presentation about the strategic plan update and the suitability of adding a fourth goal to UNO's plan. For UNO, a fourth objective called "Institutional Excellence" could reflect public awareness, effective technology and other components that are assumed but need to be more explicit and easily communicated. Multiple goals such as financial health and facilities improvement could fit in this fourth objective. Chancellor Christensen also highlighted the great importance that public awareness has for the Institution.

5. Plans for 2016-17/Proposed Working Groups

- Forum Planning – Jill Russell passed around a sign-up sheet to be part of the working groups (Forum Planning, CQI/Decision Support Log, Unit Plan Alignment).
- CQI/Decision Support Log – Jill Russell asked for assistance with the decision support log, where people can document examples of how they use data to implement the decision-making process. This group would work towards institutionalizing CQI more.
- Unit Plan Alignment – Juan Casas mentioned that last year the group made solid progress with collecting unit plans. This year the group could work by focusing on colleges and divisions rather than units. Juan commented that it might be important to indicate to colleges that we are considering adding a fourth goal to the current campus strategic plan.

6. Updates from Constituency Groups

- Student Government – Patrick Davlin reported Student Government will increase public relations and continue work on structure, organization, and building partnerships in multiple affairs.
- Faculty Senate – Daniel Hawkins indicated Faculty Senate had a retreat in August and one meeting in September. Two goals for the year include: 1) enrollment growth by recruiting from underrepresented student groups in the Metro area; and 2) faculty and staff health and wellness.
- Staff Advisory Council – Anthony Flott reported the faculty and staff picnic was successful. SAC and Human Resources developed a brochure for all of the professional development opportunities that are available on campus; it will be available online. SAC plans to make a recommendation on wellness opportunities and sustainability. A meeting was held with President Bounds.
- UNO Alumni Association/NU Foundation – Lee Denker will provide an update at the next meeting.

7. HLC/AQIP Update – Jill Russell

Information will be provided at the next meeting.

8. Announcements

Change in the first Strategic Planning Forum date to February 3, 2017 (8 am- 1pm)
The second forum remains scheduled for May 9, 2017

Meeting dates

EAB 200 at 8 am

October 26, November 30, January 25, February 22, March 29, 8 am, April 26, May 24