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## Strategic Planning Steering Committee Minutes - February 24, 2016

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## Strategic Planning Steering Committee

February 24, 2016  
8:00-9:30 AM, EAB 200

### MEETING SUMMARY

**Attending:** Melissa Berke, Bret Blackman, Anne Branigan, Juan Casas, Melissa Cast-Brede, John Christensen, Bill Conley, Charlotte Evans, James Freeman, Anne Hindery, Brock Lewis, Kathleen Lyons, Erin Owen, Mark Pauley, Michael Perdunn, BJ Reed, Jill Russell, Deborah Smith-Howell, Sara Woods

1. **Chancellor's Update.** The Foundation events in Scottsdale and Palm Springs went very well. Donor community was very impressed by fabulous presentations about Biomechanics and STEM. A big "Thank you" again to everyone in making the last Strategic Planning Forum a great success. The survey data from T. Hank Robinson was very useful.
2. **Updates from the Working Groups:**
  - **"Unit Plan Alignment" Task Force** – Jill reported for Lyn that the task force has obtained responses from all but two of the 53 units and expects to have 100% completion. The responses have been forwarded to Academic Affairs.
  - **"Updating the Plan" Task Force – Deborah Smith-Howell.** The group is still gathering feedback from the forum and will draft a substructure of the plan over the summer to be reviewed by this committee in the Fall and final approval at the May 2017 forum. BJ suggested the task force look at the structure of the plan (e.g. is there too much detail? What has changed over the years?) and to check alignment with the NU Strategic Framework for the System.
  - **"Metropolitan University Mission Communication Plan" – Erin Owen.** Planning is underway for the next UNO Perceptions Study. Dean Edick suggested that Connie Schafer be added as an ex-officio member to the task force.
  - **"Strategic Planning Forum" – Kathe Lyons.** A draft with goals and topics for the May 9 forum was distributed and discussed. Generally, 30-40 community members attend this annual event and presenters should be reminded of this particular audience by providing info graph-level data or snapshot-handouts of campus events rather than in-depth presentations. As always, the "metropolitan university" concept should be reinforced to all new faculty/staff/students and community members.
3. **Updates from Constituency Groups:**
  - **Student Government – Brock Lewis.** Students have been requesting more "charging stations" across campus. There have been parking discussions, suggesting the possibility of part-time student parking.
  - **Faculty Senate** – no report from Faculty Senate representative, however, BJ briefed the group on recent topics: Study Abroad for faculty, on-line world-wide budget, NO concealed weapons on campus and the new "F" withdrawal policy required by federal Pell grant.
  - **Staff Advisory Committee – Michael Perdunn.** SAC also discussed weapons on campus. Elections committee took a look at redistributing the seats based on representation on

campus. Discussions with UNK counterpart – they are offering scholarships for staff dependents and children.

**4. Announcements:**

- **Strategic Planning Website** – up and running – suggestions are welcomed.
- **Archives** – BJ mentioned that some of the minutes and agendas of the Strategic Planning Group may have been lost over the last 15 years, but perhaps a search at University Archives in the Library will be helpful.
- **CCSW luncheon** will be March 10.

**Upcoming Events/Meetings:**

- **March 30, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – Strategic Planning Steering Committee, EAB 200**
- **April 27, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – Strategic Planning Steering Committee, EAB 200**
- **May 9 – Strategic Planning Forum - MBSC**