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GUEST: Laura Schabloske, Executive Director, College Possible

➢ Approval of Summary for August 9, 2012 - Approved

➢ Guest: Laura Schabloske, Executive Director, College Possible
  • Minnesota-based non-profit organization assists students in funding post-secondary education.
  • Qualification is need-based. Operational in the Omaha area since March 2012.
  • Participants receive academic support and assistance with college transition.

➢ Competitive Analysis - Ken Kriz
  • Description of processes used to identify analysis determining an accurate peer group for UNO.
  • A list of institutions by comparison cluster was shared.

➢ Updates – Reed
  o UNO recognizes the success of dual enrollment programs. Need to further develop a campus-wide strategy.
  o Need to further define F & A strategy for the campus.
  o Revisit approach to distance education. Assure adjustments to shifts in demographics, etc.
  o UNO will need positions associated with the Community Engagement Center.
  o “Front” pages are progressing. Need to identify next steps.
    • Develop purposeful strategies in investment areas. Prioritize and coordinate between central OASA, Colleges, Units, etc.

➢ New/Old Business
  • Classification of Externally Funded Activity (Snyder)
    o Institutional risks are part of growing research.
    o Need system to document research, service contracts, and other external funds.
    o Sponsored Programs to be aware of funded projects.
    o Criteria proposed to distinguish between activities considered Sponsored Projects vs. Private Consulting.
    o Balance between added bureaucracy and responsibility to protect the institutional interest.
    o Proposal shared to standardized service fees (initially 10%) on all non-federally funded projects.
  • Internal Funding Report (Snyder)
    o Documentation was shared which described internal Funding opportunities (ie, UCRCA, FIRE, FRI, FISS, FUSE, GRACA, etc.)
  • Establishment of Pre-Med Committee (Boocker)
    o Discussion on potential pre-med curriculum for students who wish to pursue a career in medicine.
  • Digital Measures (Barnes)
    o Information shared regarding implementation strategies and upcoming training.
  • Changes in TED/Speech Language Pathology Degree (Smith-Howell)
    o Degrees of MA and MS consolidated to only MS thesis option and MS – non-thesis option.
  • Department Name Change (Smith-Howell)
    o Name change for Finance, Banking and Law to the Department of Finance, Banking and Real Estate.
  • Library Systems Update – Shorb Tabled