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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

April 27, 2016

8:00-9:30 AM, EAB 200

Minutes

Attending: Melissa Berke, Bret Blackman, Anne Branigan, Brian Carey, Juan Casas, Chancellor Christensen, Bill Conley, Patrick Davlin, Charlotte Evans, James Freeman, Cecil Hicks, Anne Hindery, Kathe Lyons, MaryLee Moulton, Sarah Osborn, Erin Owen, Michael Perdunn, BJ Reed, Jill Russell, Deborah Smith-Howell, Sara Woods

1. **Chancellor's Update** – Chancellor Christensen welcomed the new student body president Patrick Davlin. The Chancellor reported that he is hoping that April activities will be spread more evenly over the month next year to make the days leading up to graduation less hectic. The group was asked to submit to the Chancellor any topics that they think he should discuss at the community forum. Chancellor Christensen reported he had met earlier with Deepak Khazanchi from IS&T and a group from Delhi, India that is establishing a new university that is privately funded. UNO may be partnering with this new university; it may present great opportunities for research, faculty, and students.
2. **Updates from the Working Groups**
 - Unit Plan Alignment – Lyn Holley. Jill Russell reported that all the information gathered by the committee to this point has been organized in a Smart Sheet. However, this work will need to continue.
 - Updating the Plan – Deborah Smith-Howell. Deborah Smith-Howell reported that the committee is gathering input from multiple sources, including at the upcoming forum. The information will be organized and themes will be uncovered. BJ Reed reported that two other priorities for the plan are International and diversity. Work is ongoing in both areas and will be incorporated into the Plan Update, as will input from the community engagement measures project.
 - Metropolitan University Mission Communication Plan – Erin Owen. Erin Owen reported the members of her group are in the writing mode for the plan. They have summarized the information and are creating recommendations. The plan should be done by early June and will be rolled out to the internal community first, then to the wider community in 2017-2018.
 - Strategic Planning Forum – Kathe Lyons. Kathe Lyons handed out the agenda. Sara Woods reported on the community panel participants. The panel will reflect UNO partnerships with the community and will be moderated by BJ Reed. There are about 130 RSVPs at this point, and more are expected to come in.
3. **Updates from Constituency Groups**
 - Student Government – Patrick Davlin. April 13th was the last meeting of year. Thirteen proposals were approved, most regarding sustainability.
 - Faculty Senate – Lyn Holley. No report.
 - Staff Advisory Committee – Michael Perdunn. Michael Perdunn reported the Staff Advisory Council was wrapping up for the academic year. Their banquet is tonight. They are getting ready to start elections; there is a great slate. They have started planning for

a picnic back at Milo Bail and will be setting up tours of the work done. BJ Reed thanked Jill Russell for stepping up to be the Chancellor's representative on the Staff Advisory Council.

- Brian Carey is taking Josh's place on the committee as the representative from Athletics.
- UNO Alumni Association/NU Foundation – Lee Denker. No report.

4. HLC/AQIP Update – Jill Russell

- Continuous Quality Improvement Model. Jill Russell asked if anyone has input on the packet handed out last time to please contact her. Jill Russell distributed a graphic depicting continuous quality improvement at UNO that is intended to help explain the process. The group was asked to endorse the proposed model of continuous quality improvement so that it may be distributed at the forum. They did so. "How do you use the data?" is still the most difficult piece for most institutions. Erin Owen suggested a communications plan be developed. BJ Reed explained that this is central to our accreditation and ability to continue federal funding and everyone will have to be involved. There will have to be more centralization in order to be able to report out the information needed. Deborah Smith-Howell reported that the HLC Accreditation Conference she attended recently showed her that conforming to these requirements will be an ongoing process.

5. Announcements

- Everyone was reminded to rsvp for the Strategic Planning Forum to Charlotte Swank.