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Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Meeting Notes, January 28, 2009

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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

January 28, 2009

3:00-4:30 pm, EAB Chancellor's Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Welcome

Neal Bonacci, newly elected Student Regent was welcomed to the committee.

Chancellor's Update

- Chancellor Christensen reviewed the budget forum held last week and shared plans for 2 additional forums in late Feb and March. A budget advisory task force with representatives across campus has been formed. An interactive website will be up by mid Feb. Steering committee members were encouraged to offer any suggestions. Strategic Plan will guide decisions going forward and input from all campus community is welcomed.
- Chancellor Christensen has been elected as member-at-large to CUMU advisory panel (executive committee?). He will attend a meeting in Washington, DC on May 1 to talk about the future directions of the organization. If you have ideas on the direction of metropolitan universities in the future, please share with him.
- Amendment 424 discussions are ongoing. The University attorney has shared a preliminary document (BJ will share with steering committee). Chancellor reiterated his commitment to UNO reflecting the Omaha community and all open avenues for strengthening diversity will be explored.
- Chancellor has formed a student advisory group for service learning to make sure that the student's views are included in future plans for campus SL . This group should be included in Forum invitations.

Task Force Updates

April 20 Event

Melissa and Esther reviewed the draft agenda for April 20 with the committee. Suggestions were made to make sure that all three audiences were considered in the planning. A poster session of new Community Engagement Links groups is planned for the break following Dr. Caret's talk. Steering committee members will service as table hosts again. Clicker surveys will be part of the agenda. The task force asked for suggestions on the goals of the agenda, slides of current community engagements that could be shown during breaks on the big screen, and list of email for groups that should be included in the emails. Save the date emails will go out next week to last year's community attendees.

Neal and Bill Joint Task Force

The combined task forces shared a definition that they have been crafting for community engagements that will be shared on campus and used moving forward in the revision of Goal 3. The Steering committee discussed the draft and brainstormed ideas for discussion at the Forum. A suggestion was made to start the discussion with three statements on what community engagement means from student, faculty and community at the Forum. Also there was a suggestion that we ask the community stakeholders to provide feedback on what they would like to see in engagement and

perhaps be asked to report out from the table discussions. Send other suggestions to Bill or Neal. The joint task force also recommended that a campus-wide group be formed to meeting each semester to review Community Engagement activities to ensure that information is being collected and shared.

Faculty Senate Report

Meredith reported for Jessiline about new efforts dealing with the sustainability initiatives of the campus and ideas that may be coming from Faculty Senate.

Student Senate Report

Neal reported that the Student Senate is also working on the sustainability issues.

Next Meeting is February 25, 2009 3:00 in EAB 200

Focus for 2008-2009:

Engagement – Central to Our City

- i. Inventory and document current UNO Community Engagement efforts
- ii. Revise Goal 3 in the Strategic Plan to reflect current and future activities
- iii. Host a Spring event that highlights the Community and Centennial theme