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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

March 25, 2009

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

Meeting Notes

Topics for Discussion:

1. Welcome and Chancellor's Update

The Chancellor thanked the committee for their service and urged them to have "all hands on deck" to help make the April 20 event a success. We want to make the community guests and Dr Caret feel welcome. He mentioned the upcoming budget Forum on March 26 saying he knows that many are worried and anxious about the future months. He asked that we be supportive and helpful to our colleagues. He has met with the upcoming Capital Campaign committee and said they are optimistic even in these uncertain times.

2. Task Force Updates

- Strategic Planning Event Final Review Melissa reviewed the latest version of the agenda for the 20th and shared the directions for the committee who will serve as table facilitators. Committee members are asked to RSVP and to be there by 8:00 to greet and direct attendees to the tables. Clickers will be located across the room by the coffee to avoid congestion. Emails will be collected by the facilitators at the tables and evaluations will be sent by Survey Monkey after the event. The lunch table conversation will be focused on possible uses of the Community Engagement Center planned for the Keyser Hall building after COE moves out.
- Neal and Bill Joint Task Force Activity Discussion Bill and Neal shared the plans for their portion of the agenda. They will focus discussion of UNO's recently adopted definition of community engagement. Two questions will be discussed: What value do you gain from the current community engagement activities at UNO? What's missing from the current UNO Community Engagement?

3. Faculty Senate Report

no report

Student Senate Report

Neal mentioned that the Senate is looking at a Student Saving Club program offering students discounts at over 40 local merchants.

4. Last Meeting is April 22, 2009

The last meeting of the year will be devoted to debriefing the April 20 event, and Steve Bullock will share the three action plans for the coming year under AQIP to get the committees recommendations.

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