Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Agenda and Notes, September 26, 2012

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Topics for Discussion:

Welcome and Introductions - BJ gave the welcome for the Chancellor who is traveling in India. Lee Denker introduced his guest, who is an Alumni Director from Tanzania shadowing him for a month long visit.

Chancellor’s Update: BJ Reed BJ reported that Dan Gilbert will be working in his office part time with the goal of working with the faculty to support the 20/20 SEM goals. Dan has come to Omaha from Stanford and previously focused on instructional design.

General Activities for the year and Task Force expectations and committee sign-up - Mary Lynn reminded the committee that the task forces are where the real work of the committee happens and asked each member to select one for this year. Sign-up sheets were distributed.

Task Force Reports

Alignment and Implementation
Chairmen: Bill Conley, Gail Baker, Birud Sindhav
Bill passed around a draft of strategic alignment map that will be used as a starting point in the committee’s work. This first year the task force will focus on making connections with the NU framework, UNO priorities, and UNO strategic plans. Future work will be done with communication to colleges and units on updating their plans.

AQIP/Data Collection
Chairmen: Bill Swanson, Anne Branigan, Neal Topp
Neal stated that as one of the AQIP projects, the purpose of the committee is to have dashboard indicators in all three goal areas by the end of this year.

Strategic Planning Forum Events
Chairmen: Kathy Lyons, Melissa Caste-Bede, Tim Kaldahl
Kathy and Melissa reviewed plans for the October 9 Forum focusing on SEM. The Forum is open to the entire university but some invitations have been sent to key players in colleges and units. The focus is on spreading information about the plan for 20,000 in 2020 and what the ramifications are to UNO community and Omaha. Outcomes from this forum will also be part of the regular Forum on Feb 15, 2013.

AQIP Projects Update - Neal Topp - Neal reminded the committee of the AQIP process and that the Strategic Planning Steering committee is also the AQIP Advisory Committee and he will report AQIP progress each month. The AQIP site visit will be in 2017.

Faculty Senate Report - Meredith Bacon - Meredith reported the Faculty Senate Goals and Directions committee will continue its’ work with transfer articulations and its role in retention, graduation, and enrollment management.

Student Government Report – Devin Bertelsen - Devin reported that the Student Government has made safety one of its priorities for the coming year. SG is sponsoring a safety walk on campus on Oct. 4 to highlight areas where safety concerns occur and report to administration.

Other topics:

Discussion of elimination of date in Goal 3 of plan - The Chancellor has accepted the newly revised plan that the steering committee recommended last year. After discussion it was decided to eliminate the dates for completion from Goal 3 in the plan to make the entire document more uniform and the addition of the dashboard indicators will accomplish the same purposes.
Change of SP awards. - Nominations for the awards given at the Feb Forum have declined over the past few years. The actual process of nomination by units may make them reluctant. It was decided to table the awards discussion until November and consider having nominations come from the steering committee or some other change in the process. Steering committee members are asked to bring new ideas to the November meeting.

There will not be a regular Oct Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting
Members will be asked to attend these events.

Oct 9 SEM Forum
October 24 Ground breaking for Biomechanics Building and Community Engagement Building.

Next steering committee meeting: Nov 28 at 3:00