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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

September 28, 2011

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

AGENDA and Notes

Welcome and Introductions-New members Russ Smith, Carolyn Gascoigne, and Kyle Schulz were welcomed to the steering committee for the year.

Chancellor's Update –The Chancellor thanked several member of the committee, Neal Topp, Carolyn Gascoigne, Russ Smith and BJ Reed for stepping into interim positions and working hard to make sure things were continuing to move smoothly. He congratulated the AQIP team for its work in completing 4 action projects and receiving excellent reviews for their work. He reminded the committee of the upcoming Oct 5 Convocation and asked all to attend if possible. Several community guests have accepted his invitation to attend. He reminded all of the upcoming Homecoming Celebration this weekend. Parade at 2:00, Tailgate at 4:00 Hockey at 7:00

General Activities for the year and Task Force expectations and committee sign-up-Mary Lynn reviewed the steering committee responsibilities and meeting dates. Each of the task force chairmen briefed the group on their plans for the year's work. Steering committee members signed up for at least one task force. Task forces may also include other members of the campus community in addition to the steering committee. If others join, please let Mary Lynn know so they may be added to the lists. Sign-up list were passed.

AQIP Update- Neal Topp-Neal Topp is overseeing the AQIP efforts for this year. He reviewed the past Action projects that were completed last year. (Advising, Gen Ed, Community Engagement, Research Initiative) Final reports were excellent and Neal will make sure that the reviews are shared. He listed the three new Action Projects for 2011-12. Information is attached. He reminded the steering committee that they act as the advisory committee for AQIP projects and he will be coming to us for updates throughout the year. It was suggested that information about AQIP be put on the SP webpage. Neal will work with Dan O'Dell to make sure that this happens.

Faculty Senate Report – Meredith Bacon-Meredith reported on the goals and directions committee meeting and their priorities for the coming year.

Student Government Report – Kyle Schulz-Kyle will be attending the steering committee meeting this year. Liz O'Connor has a class conflict this fall semester and hopes to join us in the spring semester. He mentioned several Student Government initiatives that are progressing well. Mav Ride has given out 534/600 bus passes and the Student Hockey Buses will be running to all home games. The Unorthodox Speaker Series kicks off Oct 4 with John McCarty. B-Cycle program is starting to catch on with students.

UNO Budget Advisory –Bill Conley-The Budget Advisory task force has not been activated yet. Bill will bring reports to the steering committee as the monthly state tax receipts begin to trend this spring.

Other topics-Mollie Anderson reminded the group that the United Way campaign will begin on-line on Oct 3. UNO has an ambitious goal of \$70,000. Gail Baker's latest documentary has been nominated for 3 Emmys. The re-dedication of Roskens Hall College of Education was attended by many in the community and very well received on campus. It was noted that the COE technology was really changing the way students are being taught. October 5 is the Chancellors' Convocation. Following the reception the campus is invited to attend a talk by the Governor's Lecturer in Humanities speaker, Eric Foner, a historian researching Reconstruction. He will speak at 12:15 in the CPACS Commons.

Next Meeting is October 26, 2011

UNO Action Projects 2011-2012

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1) An Engaged Campus: Coordinating Volunteer & Service Opportunities, Activities, and Community Relations

The primary goals are to (1) enhance volunteer/service experiences for UNO students, faculty, staff, and community partners and (2) improve accountability for UNO volunteer/service contributions.

The project will focus on alignment of student volunteer/service experiences with learning objectives; assessment of student engagement and community involvement; determination of university impact/contribution to the community, and internal and external communication.

2) Exceptional Service, Lasting Impressions...Improving UNO Customer Service

The primary is to focus attention of campus personnel on the importance and impact of providing excellent customer service and how that improves campus operations, student experience and achievement of UNO's goals.

The project will improve the student, parent and visitor experience to and with this campus. Outcomes anticipated include increased awareness of customer service by employees and the improvement of customer service to all constituents.

3) Strengthening the Relationship: Professional Advisors--Faculty Advisors

The primary goal of this project is to improve the academic advising process in the College of Arts and Sciences by strengthening the relationship between the advising of freshmen by the professional advising staff and the advising of upper class students by faculty.

Academic advising in each department of the College of Arts and Sciences will be improved and the lesson learned in this project will be used in other colleges in the future.