Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Agenda and Notes, October 26, 2011

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Discussion:

Chancellor’s Update BJ reported for the Chancellor regarding his recent AASCU (American Association of State Colleges and Universities) meeting where Erskine Bowles made a presentation about the future of higher education. Important issues for the future will be prioritizing campus initiatives, aligning degree programs with the future job market and being able to show return on investment with performance measures. The Chancellor may have a campus forum for faculty and staff later in the year to discuss some of these issues.

Task Force Updates

Goal 1 Objectives Revision Task Force - Co-Chairmen Neal Topp, Dave Ogden, Liz O’Connor
Dave Ogden reported on the first draft of the sub goals under Goal 1 that the task force has brought to the steering committee for comment. Several suggestions were made by the group which will go back for more discussion. Additional comments should be sent to Dave by Nov. 9. The task force will be bringing the suggested first draft objectives to the Nov. meeting for comment.

Strategic Planning Forum Event Task Force - Co-Chairmen, Kathy Lyons and Melissa Cast-Bede
Kathy Lyons reported on the planning ideas for the Feb 3 forum. After meeting with several student group representatives they have decided against have a separate session for students but rather will solicit student opinions to use as part of the forum discussions. Students will still be recruited and encouraged to attend the actual event. Steering Committee will act as facilitators and are encourage to invite other campus and community guests to attend.

Communication, Documentation and Inventory Task Force - Co-Chairmen: Bill Swanson and Anne Branigan
Bill Swanson reported on the steering committee’s first meeting where current measure of UNO progress and data were reviewed. The task force will be looking especially for outcome based measures rather than activities. Goals will be to find what is currently measured, and recommend other measures that might be shared with the campus and public communities.

AQIP Update - Neal Topp Neal briefed the group on the progress of the portfolio writing team and shared a memo from Bill Conley on the progress of the Customer Service AQIP project.

Faculty Senate Report – Meredith Bacon Faculty Senate committees are beginning their work and will have more to report in the future.

Student Government Report – Kyle Schulz The Student Senate passed a resolution supporting the Employee Plus One program that will be shared in the upcoming Regents meeting this month.

Other topics Mary Lynn shared the nomination forms for the upcoming Strategic Planning awards to be given at the Feb 3 Forum. Nominations will be due into the Chancellors Office on Jan. 13, 2012. The steering committee is encouraged to nominate or share the forms with colleagues and students. More nominations are needed in the coming year.

Next Meeting is November 30, 2011