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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

November 18, 2009

3:00-4:30 pm, CPACS Commons



AGENDA and Notes

- 1. Chancellors Update** The Chancellor was unable to join the meeting but encouraged the committee to attend the budget Forum on Thursday, Nov 19 if possible.
- 2. Discussion of Draft of Goal 3 Neal and committee** Neal reviewed the process that his task force used to review Goal 3. The overarching goal is the same. Four sub goals were created under the main goal, dealing with teaching, research, service and infrastructure. Task force members in small groups created objectives under each goal and then met and combined them into one document.

The task forces decided to insert a goal date for the objectives of 2015, the date that the Chancellor used as a target in his convocation. Some of the objectives do not have baseline data, some do but the target date will help to set some sort of measurement. It was recognized that budget constraints will make some of the measures more difficult to reach, but the goals are meant to inspire, not punish.

It was brought to the attention of the group, that International students, experiences and sister relationships were not in any of the sub goals. Neal will call a small group together to review and find the appropriate place to add an international component.

The committee reviewed all the objectives and edited where appropriate. The draft document is attached to these minutes.

The draft was approved in principle by the steering committee and the committee gave Neal the charge to complete the final editing with his task force.
- 3. Other Task Force updates** Bill Swanson reported that the data task force had met and reviewed formats for the data collection web page and will meet again in Dec. Melissa reported that the Forum task force had met and will be meeting again to finalized details of the agenda. NU Foundation and UNO alumni will meet with task force to plan some activity at the Forum.
- 4. AQIP Update-Steve Bullock** Steve reported that the AQIP site visit report has been received and was very positive. A fourth action project will begin in Dec. The Gen Education action project will be surveying all full time faculties to get their feedback on a draft of student objectives in the next few weeks.
- 5. Faculty Senate Report-Bonnie O'Connell** The **Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs** is investigating distance education and faculty concerns about maintaining the quality of on-line courses in several academic areas.

The **Educational Resources and Services Committee** recently viewed a presentation by Audrey DeFrank of the UNO Criss Library. The Library is currently addressing three priorities: Systems Interoperability, Organizational Development, and Community Partnerships, such as the alliance with The Kaneko Center in the Old Market. In the spring of 2010, the Library will implement ENCORE, a discovery tool for making searches more transparent.

The Faculty **Personnel and Welfare Committee** continues to explore its resolution to create a Long-term Disability Task Force and is reworking a resolution on domestic partner benefits.

The **Goals and Directions Committee** recently met with William Wakefield to address implications of UNO possibly moving to Division I athletic status. The committee also continues to urge and follow campus “greening” and notes the installation of monitors in several buildings to initiate necessary energy audits. And, the committee is drafting a survey to gauge the mood of the UNO Faculty, which might be considered “touchy” at best. The committee on **Professional Development** will soon meet with Dean BJ Reed to request an elaboration of “community engagement” in relation to the “scholarship of engagement”. The committee senses there is too little information about the program so far and the overriding concern of the faculty is “why the emphasis on community engagement at this particular moment?”

6. **Student Government Report-Neal Bonacci** Michael Crabb, incoming student regent gave the report. He will be attending meetings in the future. He reported that the senate is working on sustainability projects on campus.
7. **No Dec Meeting.** All task forces will be meeting but no large group meeting.
8. **Next Meeting is January 27, 2010, EAB 200 3:00.** This meeting will be devoted to plans for the Feb 12 Forum. The entire steering committee acts as facilitators at the Forum so at this meeting, training for the forum will be the main focus.

Focus for 2009-10

Engagement – Central to Our City

- Inventory and document current UNO Community Engagement efforts
- Revise and approve Goal 3 in the Strategic Plan to reflect current and future activities
- Host a spring strategic planning event that involves entire campus and community
- Support campus AQIP process