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January 24, 2007

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and update—Dr. Christensen

- The housing plan has been approved by the Board of Regents
- Changes to the HPER building are in the planning stages, but have not been approved
- Spoke briefly about the Governor's proposed budget
- We are partners with UNMC in the new College of Health, but there is no physical location on our campus for this college
- The search for a new Athletic Director is underway
- UNO is working towards a new athletic conference affiliation

II. General Education Review

- This is not for designing curriculum or distribution of hours, but to determine what we want students to know when they leave UNO (in order to affect curriculum)
- Will be using the computer assisted facilitation techniques from the Institute for Collaboration Science
- There will be multiple sessions between February 2 and February 28. Each session can accommodate up to 20 participants.
- They will add more sessions if needed
- The result will be an articulation of goals and objectives for General Education. The follow step will be curriculum mapping, then assessment, etc.
- This information will be important to some of our central Strategic Goals, as well as AQIP.
- For more information go to: <http://gened.unomaha.edu>

III. Environmental Issues & Strategies

- Met with Bob Briggs (Institute of Collaboration Science). They are unavailable on March 2, but we want their help for ongoing student focus groups (similar to what was done last fall).

- The activity for the March 2 event will center around soliciting strategies related to the six identified issues.
- These strategies will be brought to the campus and units after the Event.
- The success of this activity relies heavily on the participation of SPSC members (as facilitators, note takers, etc.)

IV. Planning for the Spring Event

- Overview of myMAPP Campus and Strategic Framework websites
 - These sites help us identify gaps and demonstrates what we have done with the portfolio as well as its potential
- Panel on best practices for unit based planning
 - To reinvigorate the units and make sure that they are revisiting and updating those plans
- Environmental Issues and Strategies Task Force Activity
 - This will be an engagement process for all of the tables to develop suggested strategies at the campus and unit levels
- A focused poster session (maximum of 20)
 - Will include a representative at the poster
 - Emphasis on the activities that relate to the theme of students in the community
 - There are space and technology constrictions
 - The posters will come from a combination of brainstorming and suggestions from the Deans, Chairs, & Directors. We do welcome suggestions.
- Student/community panel (3 or 4 groups)
 - A group comprised of faculty/staff, student, and community members
 - Short presentations on what each group is doing/has done
- Brief report back
 - e.g. on strategies