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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

March 22, 2006

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome and Update

- A. Urban Design Associates (UDA) has been hired by Aksarben Future Trust for planning Aksarben Village, the university has also hired UDA as consultants for updating our master plan. There will be meetings on March 28-29 regarding UDA recommendations and the UNO master plan update.
- B. The Honors Student convocation is Friday, April 7th. The Honors Week Committee believes that Friday is workable due to the success of commencement as well as other feedback.

II. Review of May 8 Advance draft agenda

- A. President Milliken will discuss the NU Strategic Framework as well as an environmental assessment. His remarks will provide an overview for our committee and task forces.
- B. Save the Date postcards will be coming out next week...look for them. Encourage other folks to attend and be sure to call and RSVP so that we can get a count.

III. UNO Centennial Discussion

- A. It begins Wednesday October 8, 2008 with an opening ceremony at convocation and will end on October 8, 2009 at the next year's convocation.
- B. Discussion: Below is a representative list of the ideas generated at the meeting. All of the ideas brought up at the meeting have been recorded and given to the UNO Centennial Steering Committee.
 - i. What will be done in terms of state-wide recognition?
 - 1. Unsure on this area, but want to connect to our alumni (not just in Nebraska or Omaha), possibly linked to alumni outreach events.
 - ii. Update the UNO history that was written for the 75th anniversary.
 - iii. Digitize Reflections in Time. Perhaps make a DVD.
 - iv. Have a video booth so that current students, faculty, staff, can tell their story.

- v. Set UNO's history in its context by telling what was happening in the city/state during our history.
- vi. University Affairs has some great stuff of the University history that they have been putting in the e-notes for years.
- vii. Assemble information already assembled by colleges for their own anniversaries
- viii. Involvement of international sister institutions—invite people to represent their institutions.
- ix. Involve families that have sent numerous family members in different generations.
- x. Are the families of our founders in the Omaha area?
- xi. Have representatives of graduating classes involved in opening and closing ceremonies.
- xii. Have separate events for college/academic units going on throughout the day (of convocation).
- xiii. The location of the convocation needs to be rethought. What space will be adequate?
- xiv. Involve Greeks by having reunions of pledge classes.
- xv. Display previous celebrations—50th and 75th.
- xvi. Start the preservation process for the Centennial now. Make copies of things and put it in a designated folder. Makes sorting, ordering, and preserving much easier.
- xvii. Think about how to stay connected with alumni after the centennial. How can technology help us to do this?
- xviii. Build the Centennial celebration into current class activities.
- xix. Do something special for the incoming class of 2009, as they would be the 100th class of students. Perhaps a Centennial scholarship.

IV. North Central Conference Strategic Plan

- A. Chancellor Belck gave an update and there was a general discussion of the draft.
- B. Any comments should be given ASAP, as Chancellor Belck has to give feedback to the rest of the conference members by April 24th.