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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

August 31, 2006

Meeting Summary

I. **Introductions**—people new to the UNO campus

- Lee Denker—new President of the Alumni Association
- Lori Byrne—new NU Foundation for UNO
- Gail Baker—new CCFAM dean

II. **Welcome and update**—Chancellor Nancy Belck

- New housing will be open by fall '08.
- We have about the same amount of students, but more credit hours

III. **Discussion of advance dates**

- Convocation enhancement as fall event
- The spring advance is usually in May, but we want to consider an earlier date (in February)

February vs. May:

- May works nicely, but some groups are busy doing things (workshops, North Omaha Seminar, etc.)
- We need to be aware of construction in the student center—right after the school year is out
- Will committees have time to get information ready for the Advance?
- Do we have a problem getting students to the Advance in May? Would it be easier in February?
- Having it in February would allow for more vitality. Stand-alone time, more focus.
- We need to see if the student center can accommodate us in February

IV. Preview of new strategic plan/myMAPP campus website

- Based off of Neal Topp's committee's work last year
- Helps show the gaps that we have...so we can find the right indicators

V. Review of revised UNO strategic plan

- Not substantive, content changes but clarification of language, consistency of goals and objectives, and forward focused language.
- Most substantive addition from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) plan, regarding diversity
 - Goal 1, Sub-Goal E
- We have come further than the old plan was reflecting
- It was approved unanimously

VI. Discussion of October 1 convocation and strategic planning issues/strategies forum

- Use the chancellor's remarks as a way to talk about the issues from the Advance that people thought were important
- Have a drop-in strategies forum for people to identify ways to deal with these issues, with the primary objective being to get strategies (as we have already identified priority issues)
- Would give us some specific action steps that we could use as a campus or feed into the colleges and departments
- Gives a link between the spring and the convocation and an action oriented approach
- Would be the first thing that the Environmental Issues and Strategies task force will be doing—build on the positive feedback that we received from the Advance
- Want to reinforce that the Advance has an impact on the campus

VII. 2006-2007 task forces

A. Environmental Issues and Strategies

- Bill Swanson will continue to lead it
- Do these strategies need to be fed into the UNO Strategic Plan?
- Where is the alignment between existing plan, issues identified, and the kinds of actions that the campus is going to need to take? We need to figure out these gaps and address them.

B. Unit planning

- Led by Neal Topp
- Revisiting the unit plans to see how they are aligning with the campus plan
- It will focus on facilitation—NOT telling the units what to do in their plan

C. Advance planning

- Chaired by Mary Sweaney
- Will oversee the spring Advance logistics and planning process