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## Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Meeting Summary, September 27, 2006

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Meeting Summary

### I. Welcome and update—BJ Reed and Deborah Smith-Howell

- Chancellor Christensen is supportive of the strategic planning process and the structure of the task forces. He will be coming to meetings when he is available.
- There is a UNO 100 meeting tomorrow (September 28) afternoon. There is a graphic for the centennial and a preliminary budget to get some of the projects started.
- General Education Task Force met for the first time today (September 27). Chancellor Christensen wants to align this with the UNO Strategic Plan.
- There is a great poster on “How to get to college” with one side in English and the other in Spanish that is available in David Cicotello’s office.
- Homecoming is October 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be an event at the alumni center 2 hours prior to the game with activities for kids, parents, and prospective students.

### II. myMAPP/strategic planning test site update

- There are now narratives that explain why we think the indicators go with the goals and objectives
- Work is being done to make the graphs look better
- In the near future, there will be another website that links our indicators to the NU Strategic Framework
- The test site will go public some time soon
- This website became possible because last year Neal Topp’s Task Force did a great job aligning the indicators with the UNO Strategic Plan

### III. Task Force Updates

#### A. Environmental Issues and Strategies

- They have met twice since last month’s meeting. 3 people external to the university have expressed interest in joining the task force.
- The group was tasked to come up with a forum for post-convocation, but after conversation and consideration of the number of activities that day, they recommend that we NOT have an event post-reception.

- They have worked to narrow down the number of strategic issues from sixteen to six for future events and discussions and are planning to hold focus groups to discuss the issues further before December 1. There will be four focus groups (community/parents, student leadership, staff, and faculty) with 10-12 participants each.
- They do not want to limit participation, but want a core group of people who are plugged into what is going on with UNO.
- Can figure out what products come out of the task force and can be fed into the spring event.

**B. Unit planning**

- This group will engage and facilitate the units in their own strategic planning efforts.

**C. Advance planning**

- We are still looking at having the event earlier in the spring.
- This year's theme will be student centered. But we would like to engage community partners, by having them present their involvement with UNO students.

**IV. Strategic Planning Awards**

- We have received a good set of applications
- We are NOT going to present the awards at the convocation. Chancellor Christensen wants to have a November awards event in conjunction with a new award for individual people who go above the call of duty as well as recognizing departments that we send forward for the University-wide awards.
- What about recognizing community partners?

**V. Other Announcements**

- Student Government Elections are next week. Please encourage students to vote.
- There is information available on the 432 initiative. If you have a group that would be interested in hearing some information about it, please contact Bill Swanson. There will also be a hand-out available at the next meeting.