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Strategic Planning Steering Committee

October 25, 2006

Meeting Summary

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

- Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) conference held this past weekend. UNO faculty presented at 9 sessions. Excellent presentations. We will have campus forums featuring UNO CUMU presentations.
- The next full UNO 100 committee meeting is November 10th.
- UNO is on the Presidential Community Engagement Honor Roll! Thanks to Linda Mannering on putting a lot of time into the tedious application.

II. Task Force Updates

A. Environmental Issues and Strategies – Bill Swanson

- a. Have received additional direction and will focus their attention on internal focus groups for the rest of the semester. Student forums will be held in various classrooms and student meetings. The faculty/staff focus group is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28.
- b. Birud Sindhav has given an overview on how to facilitate a focus group.
- c. The group, based on feedback from the Advance, has narrowed the issues down from 16 to 6 and is working with Jerry Diechert to form questions for the focus groups.

B. Unit planning – Neal Topp

- a. The group has not yet met, but Neal has been working with Linda Mannering on the update of the myMAPP website.
- b. This group should be available to facilitate or assist departments with their strategic plan. Get an inventory of the last time units updated their Strategic Plan, obtain a copy and put it on file. Then offer to help the units with their updates.
 - i. Should bring it up at the Dean's Council and then the Chairs & Directors, and then non-academic chairs (Staff Advisory Council).
- c. The goal is to feature updated strategic plans at the Spring Event

III. Fall Campus Awards Presentation – Thursday, November 16th at 3 p.m. in the MBSC Ballroom

- Strategic Planning Awards—our task force chairs will review the applicants.
- Step-Up Awards: please nominate people/groups and encourage others to do the same. Applications are simple to fill out and are due on November 3rd.
- UNO Departmental Recognition—four units that have represented our campus, but have not won the awards will be honored.

IV. Spring Event – March 2, 2007 at the Alumni House

- Goal is to have enough of the committee's work done collectively to have things to present.
- The theme will be Student Focus, but linked to the community—showcasing partnerships and activities.
- Work in groups—react and provide impact.
- We want to connect back to what we did last year to show the relevance as well as highlighting people/units doing strategic planning.

V. myMAPP website and Strategic Planning brochure review

- This website is good to use externally, for stakeholders and constituency as well as internally, for accountability and assessment. Show to everyone!
- Relates to our systems portfolio
 - i. Systems Portfolio 101 in November 20th at 2:30 in the MBSC.
- The brochure will be good for internal and external use.
- Please send comments on both the website and brochure to Lindy!