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I. Meeting called to order at 3:05

II. Welcome and Update—Chancellor Nancy Belck
   A. Housing issues: working toward the November Regents meeting
   B. Having an event this coming Monday, October 31st, for a number of senators and regents—touring the facilities and showing them that our needs are serious for renovation funds.

III. Discuss Strategic Directions Forum—Format and Feedback
   A. Presentations set the right tone for discussions and helped to move them forward
   B. Very different format than what has been tried before, conducive to drop-ins
   C. It was relevant regarding students, especially due to the presentation of “Digital Natives”
   D. Students were impressed that administration wanted to hear their opinions
   E. The variety of education aims and goals of the students was very apparent in their comments.
   F. Maybe next time we could find a way to unobtrusively record the comments in order to better capture all of the ideas (as writing was not always adequate)
   G. We may want a summary of this event to appear in e-notes and/or the Gateway in order to show that the administration is truly interested in this type of input

IV. Preview and discuss redesign of the Strategic Planning website
   A. Summary and demonstration of the new website (can be seen at: www.unomaha.edu/plan/testsite)
B. Open for discussion/input/review

V. Task Force Reports

A. Environmental Scan—Sara Woods

1. 1st Meeting

   a. met with Deb and BJ to see what they wanted

   b. looking at environmental factors (external and internal) that affect UNO on a whole, as well as its academic units and its students

   c. decided they needed some data help, so asked Linda Mannering and Jerry Deichert to attend the next meeting

2. 2nd Meeting

   - brainstormed major themes for environmental influences

B. Data Integration—Melissa Cast

1. Want to set up a process/procedure for next year’s task force as the process is ongoing.

2. Look at indicators we already have, align those to the strategic plan, look at the gaps, assess where we can get the data needed to fill those gaps

C. Other task forces will meet in the future

VI. Discuss role of SPSC in reviewing priority updates

A. There are 3 areas that the SPSC might want to take on:

1. Look at all 13 academic priority programs and their updates; develop a review process to decide which comments, questions, and areas of review are worthy of exploration

2. Look at the criteria that the SPSC believes is important if we were to consider new priority programs. Should this be the same as in 2000 or revised?
3. Regarding the area of Outreach: the SPSC needs to think of how to approach this—Should all of outreach be a category? Should they be broken into soft-funded vs. hard-funded? Etc.

B. We will create a workspace on the website for SPSC members to access all of these programs in order to review and make comments.

C. For the next meeting we need to think about the criteria for prioritization

VII. FYI: Agenda items for November 30, 2005 Meeting

A. Revised Academic and Student Affairs Strategic Plan: it is radically different than what they each had in the past and has implications for UNO’s strategic plan

B. May 8, 2006 Advance: ideas are welcome—it’s never too early to begin planning