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October 26, 2005 Meeting Summary

- 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: <u>www.unomaha.edu/plan/testsite</u>)

- 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. 2^{nd} 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