Planning Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Abbey, Kiah  Myers, Carrie  Watts, Myles
Edelman, Adam  Potvin, Martha  Whitlock, Cathy
Fastnow, Chris  Sanderson, Michael  Wold, Shana
Heiss-Arms, Janet  Sieloff, Christina
Maher, Rob  Strittmatter, Connie

I. Call to Order.

II. Introductions and announcements.
Research Council has appointed Cathy Whitlock as their rep to Planning Council.
Lots of good news around planning specifically and MSU generally.

III. Approval of minutes for October 16, 2012.

IV. Business
A. Working group reports
   • Reporting templates – Christina Sieloff
     See emailed report from the working group. Rob Maher explained his findings on Excel macros to aggregates across submitted workbooks.
     Q: Do we need to make the definitions of strategy, metric, etc., more clear so that we get similar results across units when aggregating across cells in the templates?
     Q: Should there be text limits?
     Suggestion: add additional fields for work a unit may want to do that is outside explicit objectives
     Q: Do we need to incentivize low cost strategies somehow so they are not overwhelmed by the more expensive proposals?
   • Peer Sets – Chris Fastnow
     Working group scheduled to meet later in week
B. Research Council reports – Carrie Myers
Review of brainstorm list of strategies and ideas for promoting Discovery section of the plan.
Some confusion as to appropriate responsibility for action, level of detail, etc.
Knowing this is a draft, brainstorm helped set context.
There was also more general discussion about the speed of action on the plan, where strategies are being developed, who has responsibility to push university-wide priorities.

Next Meeting: CANCELED - Tuesday, December 18, 2012 @ 2:00 PM, PCR