Planning Council Minutes  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Fastnow, Chris  Harmon, Alison  Reidy, Michael  Watts, Myles  
Austin, Eric  Heiss-Arms, Janet  Murdock, Lindsay  Wold, Shana  
Dana, Susan  Leist, Terry  Potvin, Martha  
Edelman, Adam  Livingston, Chris  Sanderson, Michael  Non-Voting  
Foster, Amy  Maher, Rob  Siloff, Christina  Rae, Nicol

I. Call to Order.

II. Announcements

III. Approval of minutes for August 20, 2013.  
✓ Approved

IV. Business
   A. Council Updates

   Budget- President Cruzado charged the group to review strategic investment proposals and do a preliminary assessment. There will be no call for new strategic investment proposals this year. They are also looking at aligning high level goals with the Strategic Plan.

   Deans- Working with Faculty Senate to finalize the Academic Strategic Plan.

   Research- Elections

   Outreach & Engagement- Talked about Activity Insight, many will be attending a conference on engagement. MSU is a Carnegie Engaged University.

   B. Metric Updates

   Council members were asked to think about which subgroups they’d like to serve on to make sure we can see and track progress on the plan. Subgroup members do not have to be Planning Council members.

   C. Strategy Review

   Chris Fastnow sent out a database tracking college and division plans, and needs to send it to new members. The council wants to be able to check the coverage of the Strategic Plan by those of the colleges and divisions. Currently, holes reflect the non-submitted plans. Council members were asked to look at content and for
holes.

V. Other Business

Open House- The University Open House was informative with a good turnout. Chris Fastnow spoke about Planning and Analysis as well as the Strategic Plan.

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Core Curriculum- Rob Maher spoke of how Core Curriculum could be updated to achieve the Integration goal. Discussion about desirability of requiring vs. encouraging and supporting integrative experiences ensued. Martha Potvin spoke about how the Provost’s office is working on assessment of learning outcomes, and that they attending the AACNU Workshop with ideas about freshman seminars and beginning a conversation about changing the core. Three drivers of the change in Core were mentioned: Michael Reidy spoke of Faculty-driven initiatives; Lindsay Murdock spoke of student-driven initiatives such as the SCOPE program; and Susan Dana spoke of donor-driven initiatives like the Blackstone Launchpad.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15 @ 2:00 PM, President’s Conference Room