

Planning Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
1:00-3:00 pm
President's Conference Room

Chris Fastnow
Walt Banziger
Stephanie Grey
Keely Holmes
Jake Kaminetsky
Bridget Kevane

Myleen Leary
Christopher Livingston
Sara Mannheimer
Bob Mokwa
Nora Smith

Others present
Kathy Attebury
Rebecca Belou
Tami Eitle
Ian Godwin

- I. Welcome and announcements
 - A. The Diversity Charrette will be 4/12 in the SUB, and everyone is invited to stop by to respond and react to the goals and strategies that the Diversity Advisory Group led by Dr. Barcelo and Dr. Lopez have identified.
 - B. The Library and Athletics are working on Strategic Plans
 - C. ASMSU is working to get nonvoting reps from the Graduate School, the Honors College, and Gallatin College

- II. Approval of March 1 minutes – approved

- III. Accreditation – Tami Eitle
 - A. Denise Malloy has been brought on as support to read and assess the 7-year report
 - B. Call for working groups/nominations for each goal/core theme to write out
 1. Plans & objectives to achieve goals
 2. How mid-cycle assessment was used to achieve goals
 - C. Communication plan for the process – Planning Council members should inform their constituents. We are still waiting for the visit date, but once known, an email announcement and/or postcard should be sent out to improve transparency of the process to gain public trust.
UPDATE: NWCCU site visit will be October 16-18.

- IV. Review of the University Council report for March (Stewardship) and April (Discovery and Engagement) – Chris Fastnow
 - A. See Goal Updates on <http://www.montana.edu/planningcouncil/index.html>
 - B. Need for further discussion to measure the D.1.1. metric – how do we measure the prominence and excellence of our faculty?
 1. Chris Fastnow called for volunteers to form a working group to further discuss the metric and measurement. Volunteers included: Sara Mannheimer, Christopher Livingston, Nora Smith, OPA Staff

- V. Subcommittee updates – Chris Fastnow
 - A. Department Head Meetings: 7 have been scheduled, invitations to go out soon (went out 3/27). Bridget Kevane, Myleen Leary, Chris Livingston, and Franke Wilmer will join Becca Belou and Chris Fastnow at the sessions.
 - B. RFP: no updates

- VI. Discussion: FY 19 Prioritization
 - A. Review of FY17 and FY18 Recommended Objectives for Focus
 - B. Review of data collected in prior cycles: NWCCU priorities, Performance Funding metrics, UPdate CORE, Deans’ Priorities, Faculty Senate prioritization document, 2015 employee questionnaire, Research Excellence Task Forces, Metrics Near and Far report
 - C. The Council created a short list of 10 objectives that were front runners for prioritization in the moment of the discussion, then took a non-binding straw poll with three to four “votes” per person
 - Top cluster (in order of votes):
 - A.2 Diversity of student body, with emphasis on attracting AND retaining students
 - S.1 Stewardship of human resources
 - L.1 Assessment and achievement of learning outcomes
 - Next cluster (tied, in plan order):
 - D.1 Research excellence and prominence
 - D.2 Infrastructure
 - D.3 Graduate education
 - 1.2 Interdisciplinary research
 - Short list objectives with less straw poll support (in order of votes)
 - E.2 Cross-cultural study, work, service
 - E.3 Leadership development
 - E.1 Engagement, outreach, and service

- VII. Other Business - None

Next Meeting: MAY 3, 2017, 1-3 pm