University Planning Committee
Data Subgroup Meeting Summary
July 19, 2018

Discussion:

Paul Kirgis gave the group an update on the feedback received on the draft recommendations for UM’s future (strategy for distinction). All comments have been assembled, read, and an executive summary written. The Office of the Provost will coordinate with Faculty Senate to publish everything online in early August. The administration will continue to work on two tracks: one related to faculty reductions, the other related to a revised set of recommendations for academic program reorganizations. The exact timelines associated with these changes and the appropriate roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in the process are yet to be finalized.

What is the role of the UPC now, and what will happen to the UPC next fall? Discussion of the UPC’s role given recent developments. Some UPC members expressed concern that the UPC’s work had been set aside and a new process had begun that left the UPC’s work out of next steps. UPC members wants the work they did on Mission, Identity, Communities of Excellence, and Data Analysis to drive meaningful decision-making. Paul Kirgis agreed that these are important questions and indicated they should be addressed at the next full UPC meeting.

The group discussed how to communicate recent developments to campus. UPC members gave feedback to Paul Kirgis on how to strategically message recent developments in the work of the UPC. All agreed that the feedback should be published, as a precursor to future communications about next steps.