University Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Mission/Identity Subgroup
March 12, 2018 | 12:00-2:00 pm | UC 326

Attendance:

Present: Atteberry, Barnes, Comer, Fitzgerald, Humphrey, Ratto-Parks, Schwarze, Semanoff, Tessman, White, Whittenburg

Absent: Lindsay

Introduction:

1. Call to Order
2. Recap

We reviewed and invited discussion on the emails exchanged between subgroup members between Friday, 3/9, and Monday, 3/12. Discussion included:

- Revisiting our charge
- Timeline – What is feasible as far as putting forth a draft to shared governance?
- Reviewing the discussion on Friday in UPC meeting
- Montana Tech WIRE Project
- Model/diagram on board

Discussion:

1. Post-UPC 3/9 Meeting Discussion of Areas of Excellence
   - A model was drawn on the board capturing the group’s evolving thinking about the areas of excellence. Discussion included:
     - Core competencies/attributes/values
     - Revisiting Grand Challenges
     - Communities
   - An alternative model was presented to the group by Dean Comer. Discussion included:
     - Number of pillars
     - Clarity in the model
     - Revisiting the call from data subgroup and our subgroup’s charge
     - Our subgroup’s work can serve as a lens by which the data subgroup works and makes decisions. The President and Provost may also use our work as a lens by which to modify recommendations made by the data subgroup.
Continued conversation about the role of cross threads and themes
- Role of Missoula College in the conversation. Where does 2-year education fit in to this model? The group considered terminology that best honors the programs at MC.
- The arc that occurs between MC and Mountain Campus is unique to UM. It grounds UM. It is different, too, from just a school that provides a more practical outcome.

2. Draft & Communication
- We discussed whether we are ready to draft our areas of excellence as well as what that communication should look like and include.
  - Product shared with shared governance this week will include our charge, statement that this is a work in progress, mission statement, areas of excellence, questions/statements for each area, and explanation that we are still working to address Missoula College and School of Business.
    - The group reached an agreement on the four areas of excellence/pillars.

1. Breakout Session
- We split into two working groups:
  - Mission
  - Pillars
- The groups reconvened to review working groups’ process and product.

Next Steps:

1. We will share draft of mission statement, areas of excellence/pillars and associated questions with shared governance. Draft will be ready tomorrow, 3/13, for meetings occurring this week.