University Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Mission/Identity Subgroup
April 9, 2018 | 12:00-2:00 pm | UC 215

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Introduction:

1. Call to Order
2. Recap

Discussion included:

- Updated edits in Box
- UPC meeting feedback on M/I draft
- Dean’s retreat on Saturday
- Graphic – At this point, this is no longer our subgroup’s charge although the Communities of Excellence and Montana Ways will continue to inform the graphic.
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Discussion:

1. Communities of Excellence
   - The messaging about the Communities of Excellence is important.
     - They should not be siloed. Rather, they should embrace interdisciplinarity.
     - As they become more structural, intentionality is key.

2. Retreat with President Bodnar and the Deans
   - The inclusion/articulation of technology is important.
   - Building excellence in our liberal arts core/gen eds needs to be identified explicitly in the narrative.
     - Can/should the Montana Ways fit into that conversation?
     - We need to describe the core/Montana Ways more clearly. The current description of the four competencies is too abstract.
How do we label this properly for articulate what we mean? Is it Liberal Arts? Arts and Sciences? Montana Ways? It is the heart of the curriculum.

We need to honor tradition, yet also be creative and innovative about where we strive to go/who we strive to be in the future.

We are looking at competencies as well as values.

3. Wordsmithing the Narrative
   - We reviewed and discussed the suggestions for revision.
     - We worked on addressing/articulating values and UM’s partnership with place.
   - The group discussed the plan for presenting this to Faculty Senate. Semanoff gave an update on the timeline for sharing before the FS meeting on the 17th.
   - We worked on Montana Ways.
     - To what degree are we broad or specific with the Montana Ways?
     - Do each of the ways need a sentence?
     - How will gens be impacted by this document? This is important to consider.
   - We added to the narrative to signal the process (what happens next) and provide a philosophical sentence (here’s why we’re moving in this direction). Our charge is to recommend, not proclaim. We need to reflect this by inserting appropriate language throughout.
   - Our group continued to work on the Preamble to best articulate our charge.
   - We considered the placement of the core/Montana Ways.
     - Where does it make most sense in this narrative?
   - We spent time discussing and adding to the Montana Ways.
     - We revisited our thinking and added sentences and examples.

Next Steps:

1. We will share an updated draft of the narrative with President Bodnar and Co-Conveners.