

Committee on Strategic Planning and Priorities

Meeting Minutes: December 8, 2021

In attendance (Roll Call): Matt Bender, David Blake, Dylan Chidick, Jana Gevertz, Debra Klokis, Lee Ann Riccardi, Jeff Osborn, David Prensky, Roshni Raji, Nino Scarpati, Sean Stallings, James Felton III, David Hunt, Joseph O'Brien, Jennifer Prince

Excused: Lloyd Ricketts

- Minutes from November 10, 2021 meeting approved.
- Discussion of Steering's request that CSPP review "Principles for Developing an Academic Calendar Policy."
 - Review is scheduled on a 5-year cycle with the last review taking place in 2014. Behind schedule due to the pandemic.
 - Questions: Can the time between fall and spring semester be reduced (currently at 34 days)
 - Dedicated time for Celebration of Student Achievement already accounted for in calendar.
 - Winter Intersession timing to be discussed between Jeff Osborn and Frank Cooper. Topic to be revisited by CSPP in February.
- Discussion of Spring, 2022 visits from cabinet officers discussed. Four names were proposed: Sharon Blanton, Lisa Angeloni, James Felton III, and Lloyd Ricketts.
 - Jana Gevertz suggested that Lisa Angeloni is of interest due to questions pertaining to numbers of admits in different departments.
 - James Felton III is of interest with the rollout of the Inclusive Excellence Plan to the Board. CSPP will schedule a special meeting for this discussion with date to be determined by David Blake and Jeff Osborn
- Progress update: Strategy Working Group (SWG) campus presentation is scheduled for Friday, December 10th from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm and will be recorded. David Blake asked for ideas pertaining to the overall message. Points of interest suggested to be included in the discussion:
 - A question of where can we be truly innovative relative to other institutions.
 - Concerns that there will be no real change even after strategic plan is in place.
 - Mention that the strategic plan should be aspirational with regard to social justice issues.
 - "Innovation" is a cornerstone concept.
 - Investments will be made to ensure success.
 - Create a framework necessary to enable success
 - Concerns that we don't repeat what other institutions have attempted in the same fashion.
 - Tyton: advising, not dictating.
 - Huron has provided operation reports and has served as a starting point for action.

- Primary message – can't do "business as usual."
- Extra Item not on the Agenda: Proposal from the School of Education for a consolidated Master's in Education for practicing teachers. This requires CSPP evaluation.
 - Most of the formal proposal is in place and will be circulated by e-mail.
 - CSPP will evaluate and provide feedback by e-mail to David Blake prior to the end of the first week in January.
 - In the CSPP evaluation, the task is to look at broad questions (move forward or are there concerns?)
 - Among the key issues to consider: demand for such a program and resources required.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hunt
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