



Minutes of the University Planning Committee

August 24, 2011 • Hibbard Penthouse • 2:00-3:30 pm

Members present: Rosemary Battalio, Steve Drucker, Susan Harrison, Rosemary Jadack, Andy Nelson, Carter Smith, Rama Yelkur, Cecelia Zorn and MJ Brukart

Guests: Jennifer Fager, Tom Hilton, Kris Retherford, and Sheila Smith

MJ introduced Assessment Director Jennifer Fager and the new members of the UPC, Carter Smith and Cecelia Zorn, and then thanked Rosemary Jadack for her service over the past three years. She presented Rose with a photo of the campus from the Centennial Plan.

UPC “alumni” Tom Hilton, Kris Retherford and Sheila Smith were invited to share their perspectives on the role of the UPC and key values that needed to be preserved. They talked about the importance of listening to campus, being willing to go back to the drawing board when necessary, to think boldly and to be open about communicating with campus.

MJ then called the meeting to order. She reviewed the Gold Arrows, presented to campus at the Blugold Breakfast. She noted that the majority of the action initiatives are those proposed by the UPC and adopted by the Cabinet and the Chancellor’s Executive staff. Next steps will be to assign co-facilitators.

Andy Nelson outlined the progress that the UPC has made on developing KPI – Key Performance Indicators – for the Centennial Plan. The UPC discussed how best to move forward to create a recommended set of KPIs for Cabinet consideration. It was proposed the UPC focus on Goal 1 to pilot a process. Jennifer Fager suggested the UPC look closely at the language of the individual initiatives, as they may be too vague or not focused on key actions. Additional people who can contribute to the discussion of Goal 1 KPIs are: Evan Weiher, Bob Knight and Laurel Kieffer. The UPC agreed to focus on Goal 1 at the September meeting.

Jennifer Fager then spoke briefly about her new role as Assessment Director. She emphasized that her role is to support improved assessment across the university.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

