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Steering Committee Meeting
November 29, 2016

Present: Jon Anderson, Jacquie Johnson, Denise Odello, Dave Israels-Swenson,
Jennifer Zych Herrmann, Nic McPhee,

Minutes from October 25, 2016 Steering Committee were approved as presented.

Set Campus Assembly agenda for December 6, 2016 meeting

The Steering Committee discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Jacquie said she could mention the petition to become a sanctuary college in her remarks or it could be a separate agenda item. She added that if the University of Minnesota declares itself a sanctuary college, it would be a system decision. She also mentioned that the accountability report for the university will be presented at the Board of Regents meeting next week and each campus has a section in the report. McKenzie Dice, who is also our student representative to the Board, will represent our campus.

Jon will give an update on the common meeting time proposal. We will also ask for an update from the Constitution Review Task Force and on the Chancellor Search Transition.

Jacquie noted that this committee would play an important role in helping Michelle Behr understand the role of this committee. She thought it would be helpful if Jon and Nic had a conversation with her to give her some background about the Steering Committee, Campus Assembly and campus governance in general. She mentioned that when she arrived on campus, Paula O'Loughlin was instrumental in helping her understand the governance structure. Nic asked if Jacquie had concrete suggestions for Michelle. Jacquie said it important for the chancellor to have a good relationship with the chair of this committee. You should tell her that she does not need to be an expert in Roberts Rules – that's why the parliamentarian is present at every meeting. Jacquie wishes it were more of a forum for important discussion. Jacquie's role, as defined by her, was that this was really not the place for her to speak – that belongs to the campus assembly.