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**Planning Committee Meeting
Prairie Lounge
Wednesday, May 1, 2013**

Present: Margaret Kuchenreuther (chair), Jim Barbour, Michael Eble, Julie Eckerle, Jim Hall, Arne Kildegaard, Jane Kill, Sarah Mattson, Lowell Rasmussen, Jordan Went

Absent: Charles Cain, Leslie Meek

Guest: Nancy Helsper

- ◆ Margaret called the meeting to order. She asked for additions/corrections to the minutes from April 17, 2013; hearing none, the motion to approve passed.
- ◆ Jordan Went provided information on his cluster analysis of candidate peer institutions to the committee.

He created a linear combination by using the total rankings in an Excel file that ranked the schools on 24 key variables. He then broke the variables down to 3 categories, inputs (e.g., mean incoming student ACT score), investments (e.g., institutional spending), and outputs (e.g., 4-yr. graduation rate). By doing this he was able to run a simple cluster analysis, which broke down the schools into two clusters. These align well with the groups we've been calling aspirational, and peer.

(Please see the abbreviations and cluster chart below.)

The abbreviated school reference is as follows:

Carleton College	CC	University of North Carolina at Asheville	UNC
Depaw College	DEU	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	UVW
St. Olaf College	SOC	Concordia College at Moorhead	CCM
Macalester College	MC	Coe College	Con
Gustavus Adolphus College,	GAC	University of Maine at Farmington	UMF
St. Mary's College of Maryland	SMC	Fort Lewis College	FLC
Kalamazoo College	KC	SUNY at Purchase College	SUNY
University of Minnesota, Morris	UMM	Lycoming College	LC
Albion College	AC	University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	UPG
Illinois College	IC	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	MCLA
New College of Florida	NCF		
University of Mary Washington	UMW		
Hanover College	HC		
Ramapo College of New Jersey	RC		

This shows how the colleges are related to UMM.

Schools	Inputs	Investments	Outputs	Size (Under-grad FTE)	Ranking List	Total Rank
Carleton College	30.736	8.802	2.802	11	Carleton College	1
Depaw College	40.736	13.802	14.802	9	DePauw University	2
St. Olaf College	47.736	21.802	15.802	6	Macalester College	3
Macalester College	36.736	23.802	17.802	13	Kalamazoo College	4
Gustavus Adolphus College	42.736	17.802	21.802	8	Gustavus Adolphus College	5
St. Mary's College of Maryland	39.736	39.802	18.802	12	St. Olaf College	6
Kalamazoo College	45.736	12.802	22.802	19	St. Mary's College of Maryland	7
University of Minnesota-Morris	35.736	43.802	35.802	17	New College of Florida	8
Albion College	50.736	28.802	25.802	15	Hanover College	9
Illinois College	55.736	29.802	25.802	23	Albion College	10
New College of Florida	25.736	31.802	42.802	24	Illinois College	11
University of Mary Washington	59.736	58.802	35.802	2	University of Minnesota-Morris	12
Hanover College	62.736	20.802	19.802	22	Coe College	13
Ramapo College of New Jersey	41.736	61.802	52.802	1	Concordia College at Moorhead	14
University of North Carolina at Asheville	59.736	56.802	46.802	5	Lycoming College	15
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	52.736	41.802	60.802	16	University of Mary Washington	16
Concordia College at Moorhead	60.736	34.802	39.802	7	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	17
Coe College	54.736	42.802	36.802	21	Ramapo College of New Jersey	18
University of Maine at Farmington	46.802	52.802	58.802	10	University of Maine at Farmington	19
Fort Lewis College	51.736	53.802	62.802	4	University of North Carolina at Asheville	20
SUNY at Purchase College	52.736	50.802	67.802	3	University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	21
Lycoming College	59.736	39.802	38.802	20	Fort Lewis College	22
University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	60.736	47.802	57.802	14	SUNY at Purchase College	23
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	53.736	59.802	60.802	18	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	24

All the information we have reviewed in various forms over the last several weeks reaffirms the same basic conclusions. All information points to UMM in the same basic proximity to other institutions. The question now is how many schools we recommend for our comparison list, both aspirational and peer? This recommendation will go to the Vice Chancellor's Group and the Campus Assembly for ratification.

Carleton College has always been well separated from UMM. It is in another league; one to which we might aspire but realistically would never achieve. Therefore, it was cut from the list.

It was recommended that both Mary Washington and Ramapo be removed from contention. Neither of them is in our Carnegie Class. Mary Washington and Ramapo have graduate courses and have large student populations.

Fort Lewis seems to remain on the list as it is the only other institution having the "Native American tuition waiver." However, when reviewing all the factors this institution appears far below us in inputs and outputs. It has enough qualities making it different than Morris to exclude it from the list.

New College of Florida is also quite dissimilar from UMM. The student population is less than 900, making it a very small school. And for the purpose of this comparison its size alone makes major impacts on all levels. We will exclude it also.

As the size of the institution is important, the other two very small schools, Hanover College and Illinois College should be removed also.

Pittsburgh Greensburg is not very like UMM. They award numerous associate degrees and many of their students are commuters. Faculty is about 50/50 full and part time. This is enough to remove this institution from contention.

If we go with the recommendation of 5 aspirational and 10 peers the list would be:

Aspirational

DePauw University
Gustavus Adolphus College
Kalamazoo College
Macalester College
St. Olaf College

Peers

Albion College
Coe College
Concordia College at Moorhead
Lycoming College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
St. Mary's College of Maryland
SUNY at Purchase College
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
University of Maine at Farmington
University of North Carolina at Asheville

The motion was made to approve this list. The motion seconded and approved.

Margaret thanked the committee for its hard work throughout the year and will forward this list for further consideration.

Meeting adjourned.