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Present: Jon Anderson, Gwen Rudney, Lowell Rasmussen, Brook Miller, Taylor Barker, Michael Eble, Jim Hall, Jordan Wente, Sarah Mattson, Seung-Ho Joo, Jana Koehler, Sandy Kill

Absent:

Chair Jon Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm. Ambient conditions: frostbite

The minutes of the 17 November 2014 meeting were presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the 17 November 2014 minutes as corrected.

The minutes of the 24 November 2014 meeting were presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 24 November 2014 minute as corrected.

Jon: For today: Discuss our priorities on the Strategic Plan document until about 4:00, then vote on priorities.

Floor open for proposals. Question: Is this list just for the Capital Campaign group? Answer: This could be for all priorities (e.g., Faculty/Staff salary equity).

Proposal: Faculty/Staff salary equity. Attempt to reach at least average among our Peer Group.

**Proposal: All facilities made adequate and teaching/student friendly. Potentially donor-attractive facilities upgrades. Creation of Functional Learning Spaces (library, classrooms, labs, research spaces)

**Proposal: Plan to create more useful spaces from aging Mall buildings – modernization, etc.

**Proposal: Sustainability. Statement of Green Initiatives and sustainability-driven goals. Could include water use, water systems, others. Continually promote collaboration among Faculty, Staff, and Students, making it a part of campus culture. Note efforts such as SLF program. Infuse sustainability across campus and across campus lifespan. Campus natural resource plans, usage monitoring and reporting.

**Proposal: Formally restructure curriculum to reflect rich international and multicultural perspectives; e.g., integration of Chinese students. Increase/enhance treatment of international issues in GenEd. Increase interdisciplinary opportunities in global issues. Support Services for International Students have not been fully realized. Increase enrollment of International students on campus. Increase Study Abroad opportunities.

Proposal: Increase and strengthen our relationships with alumni and potential benefactors.. Strengthen partnerships and programmatic efforts.

Proposal: We want to have every child in our region ready for school through literacy, preK programs, health, social services. Broad integration of UMM with local schools and Social Services.

Proposal: Strengthen student support, retention, Enhanced Life-planning. Increase connections of alumni with students exploring career paths. More investment in Career Services.

**Proposal: Special endowed professorships with funding tied to particular research, scholarship, and teaching. Could rejuvenate academic life on campus. Endowed chairs may be attractive to donors.

Proposal: Continued support (fundraising) for student scholarships toward meeting enrollment goal and maintaining affordability. Planning goal: develop and support enrollment target while balancing income and expenses over each biennium.

**Proposal: Conduct a careful analysis of retention, scholarships, and other data to determine how we could use our scholarship funds more wisely. Look also at scholarships vs stipends (e.g., MAP, UROP). Are we reaching the ideal balance between scholarships and stipends?

Proposal: On-campus and near-campus student housing development. This needs an answer by FY17.

Now discussion of priorities for next week's discussion with the Capital Campaign Committee –

**Proposal: Investment in academic technology. Connect to modern learning spaces; e.g., tech in the Arts: cameras change rapidly. There is only one computer lab in HFA. Explore the goal of requiring all students to have a laptop. Goal: to uncouple from a physical computer lab.

Discussion about which topics to name as priorities to present to the Capital Campaign Committee next week. **The nominated Proposals are indicated by a double asterisk (**).**

Jon Anderson will take on the task of making up this list of proposals for next week.

Capital Campaign Committee will send out materials this week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm by decree of THE Jon Anderson.