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To:	Planning Committee	
	Participants:	Oscar Baldelomar, Melissa Bert, Brook Miller, Seung-Ho Joo, Sandy Kill, Jana Koehler, Tiernan Lenius, Mike Cihak, William Rasmussen, Bryan Herrmann (ex-officio), Gwen Rudney (ex-officio), Matt Senger (ex-officio), Alison Campbell (secretary)
From:	Engin Sungur, Chair	
	Present:	Oscar Baldelomar, Brook Miller, Melissa Bert, Sandy Kill, Mike Cihak, Bryan Herrmann, Matt Senger, Tiernan Lenium, Matt Zaske, Jena Koehler, Jana Koehler, Gwen Rudney, Alison Campbell (secretary)
Subject:	*Meeting Agenda*	
	Date:	December 6 (Tuesday)
	Time:	3:00-4:00
	Place:	Prairie Lounge

Committee Website	http://committees.morris.umn.edu/planning-committee
Committee Moodle Site	https://ay15.moodle.umn.edu/course/view.php?id=7767

THE AGENDA

1. Approval of Nov. 15 and Nov. 29, 2016 Minutes (will be provided by Alison Campbell) *(5 min.)*.

   Action: Approval of the minutes - Yes

2. Discussion on System-wide Strategic Planning Campus Visit Summary (Brook Miller)

Brook posted the recap of the visit by the strategic planning co-chair visit to the Moodle Site and printed a few copies for the Planning Committee to look at. He added notes and space for other Planning Committee members to add comments.

DRAWBACKS/LIMITATIONS Section:

Brook elaborated on some of the requests in this section and the group went through them, making some changes and adding detail:

- "The uniqueness of the Morris campus gets lost in the U of MN Brand:" Change specialness to distinctive aspects because we want to highlight Morris's strengths. Would like to see regular contact regarding lobbying strategy and efforts and lifting up the strengths through lobbying efforts.
- "There is a lack of awareness for the impact that TC-specific decisions have on the Morris campus" – TC has a lack of awareness of their policies/goals that effect system campuses, for example student enrollment and the Job Family Study
- "Competition with sister campus for students, resources and attention." - Large strategic initiatives from any campus can potentially impact others
- "Sense that Morris is 'less-than' the Twin Cities" – Growing Urban/Rural divide - We don't want to seem like we are complaining too much because that gets us nowhere. Brook mentions he sees us thinking we are viewed as an appendage rather than something distinctive. We want to highlight our strengths as they bring something of value to the system.

- "Morris is systematically underfunded" – American Indian tuition waiver is hard to cover alone. UMM faculty salaries are not as high compared to other schools. Faculty development is not as strong in Morris as well.
- "Locating central services on TC campus" – clarity and consultation regarding cost pool and service allocation

IDEAL FUTURE Section:

Engin commented that there should be a focus on joint programs that are two-way with the Twin Cities Campus. We have study abroad programs but would like to see TC students come to Morris to study a program for a semester or year. He also would like to make the existent pathways into graduate programs via UMM more accessible throughout the system.

Tiernan said it would be beneficial to have a system-wide main page that makes searching the different U of M schools equally accessible. The site should not automatically bring up the Twin Cities Campus. We would like our main website to be universityofminnesota.edu. An example of a school that has a system like ours is University of Texas.

The group would like to see the legislature lifting up all the campuses in recognition. It's hard to "sell" all the other campuses besides Twin Cities because they are all housed in the cities. Have a Morris specific representative. It would be ideal to create a critical mass of system-wide services that exist not just in the Twin Cities.

Bryan wanted to clarify the statement "Resources would be 'equitably' distributed across campuses…Native American tuition waiver would be shared across the system…" – In order to be more specific the committee agreed to change this bullet to "Resources would be distributed evenly across campuses to maximize excellence." They also added "The cost" in front of "The Native American tuition…"

In the bullet "Morris would be celebrated for its unique strengths" It was decided to get rid of the phrase "comprehensive public liberal arts university" and change it to "U of M's public liberal arts college"

3. Report on Strategic Planning Stage 1 Survey progress (continued). – didn't get too

<u>Goal 28</u> – Update the Campus Master Plan to propose a prioritized timetable for renovation of all instructional space, offices, and other facilities. The Campus Master Plan should include a plan for future technology and utility upgrades.

<u>Goal 73</u> – As we seek to become a top tier national liberal arts college, we must offer facilities that are comparable to our peers. We must have a well-maintained, safe, and accessible physical plan, an aesthetically appealing campus landscape, and create a physical UMM identity. Several of our buildings are in need of renovation and modernization including Briggs Library, Multi-Ethnic Recourse Center, Education Building, Camden Hall, Humanities building, and Residential Life facilities. We must revitalize our Campus Master Plan to encompass appropriate expansion of academic and service buildings.