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# UMM FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

4-25-2019

Members Present: Roger Rose, Jon Anderson, Michael Korth, Angela Anderson, Marie Hagen, Naomi Skulan, Justin Terhaar, Kerri Barnstuble, Bryan Herrmann

Others Present: Melissa Wrobleski, Jessica Broekemeier

Members Absent: Arne Kildegaard

## Agenda:

### **i. Review, Changes & Approval of 3/28/2019 Minutes**

Roger mentioned that “reports” should be added after IT in the second paragraph of section iii. It was also noted to clarify which Melissa was referenced in the minutes as Melissa Wrobleski and Melissa Bert were mentioned numerous times. The minutes were then, approved as amended.

Marie Hagen is a new USA Finance Committee member.

### **ii. Chair of Finance Committee for 2019-2020**

Roger noted that after being Chair for the Finance Committee for two years this position is now up for grabs. Brad Deane will be coming back from Sabbatical and may have interest for the role. Naomi will consider the position if Brad doesn't want to. Roger asked if the committee is comfortable sharing this information at a meeting May 2 with past, current, and future chairs. Michael stated that the Membership Committee elects the chairs, not committees themselves. He said they do seek recommendations from committees. He agreed to share this idea with the membership committee and Roger will email Matt Zaske.

### **iii. Discussion of potential merger of Finance & Planning**

The Planning and Finance Committee's used to be together. They were split because it was too much for one committee. Roger thought there could be a merge or at least more joint meetings. He opened this topic up for discussion. Roger felt our agenda isn't particularly demanding. We could also hear from other departments on their contribution to Finance. Bryan mentioned that right now the Planning Committee brings in people that Finance could. Naomi agreed that we should coordinate with the Planning Committee more, but did

not know the history of when Planning and Finance were merged. She said since we don't have information from the Planning Committee it's hard to have a say. We only listen to how finance aspects are and don't have a lot of input for the future. Jon said we should establish checking in with the Planning Committee as part of our agenda. Jon noted that it didn't feel like their agenda matched with ours very well. He noted a subgroup of the Finance Committee could check in to see what the Planning Committee is discussing, then asked how quickly minutes appear on the website. Naomi said it varies on the committee. She said the Planning Committee minutes haven't been uploaded since December. Jon said we could check into getting feedback sooner. Angela agreed that we need to do something with the Planning Committee as we currently look at the numbers but don't know what the campus is planning.

**iv. Updates from Planning Committee's meeting with Chancellor Behr**

Naomi and Roger attended the Planning Committee's meeting and noted the discussion was a lot on the tuition waiver. Roger noted there wasn't really anything discussed that was new to the Finance Committee. Most of the information was to get the Planning Committee up to speed.

Roger said Chancellor Behr spent time talking about Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado and would continue to lobby for the tuition waiver. Bryan said she mentioned there is a new President at Fort Lewis that is more connected with Washington D.C., and seemed willing to work as partners with Morris for funding the federally mandated waivers both colleges have. Bryan said that Colorado gets state appropriations for Fort Lewis' waivers and that because of this, the Colorado government is also pushing for allocation to come from the Federal Government. It was also noted that Fort Lewis receives more out of state students than Morris.

Naomi said there was also a discussion about salary increase for faculty and staff. Melissa Wroblewski noted that the university policy on increases is based on Merit, and everyone may not get the full 2.25%.

**v. Review of Strategic Vision Priorities**

The Finance Committee reviewed the Strategic Vision priorities. Roger mentioned there are a lot of high priority visions, with some ongoing or

already in progress. Naomi asked if groups are being assigned to achieve these visions and how this will be structured. Bryan said that the different groups that worked on these supplied other information besides the priority of these visions. The next step will be deciding who will work on this.

Naomi mentioned that some of these visions require significantly more finances than others and we should be more focused on these visions. Bryan replied that there could be multiple committees and/or offices working on these visions. Roger asked if a task force will be put together during the summer for the creation/implementation of an enrollment plan. He thought the Finance and Planning Committees would want to be involved with this. Kerri asked if Bryan had a sense on what committees or offices will be part of the vision planning. Bryan said that both committees and offices will likely be involved. Depending on the vision, some are more office related and some are more committee related.

There was more discussion on goals revolving general education. Roger mentioned there will be a general education adjustment to where students are feeling more engaged in classes may have more motive to come back. Angela said that she didn't think students are interested in all aspects of general education. Michael said this has been discussed before every time it is revised and the same point is always made. He wondered if it is the requirements or the way they are discussed that need to be changed. Roger asked if this section of the visions are worthwhile for our committee. Michael asked if changes that are made will just move the general education requirements from one course to another. Roger said when a plan is produced we can look and see if there are big changes instead of just shifting. Jon said that if a requirement shifts from one department to another there may be more of a financial impact. It was noted the last two curriculum changes had financial impact to it and the Finance Committee has never weighed in on it. Naomi mentioned that #5 seems to have big financial impacts. Kerri said there are grants to fund some. The goal of the grant is to institutionalize this and it is important to know the history since we have the tuition waiver.

Bryan said that more weight was put on how the Strategic Vision list was voted on rather than the classification of high, medium, and low priority. This is one of the challenges when having different teams together.

The meeting was adjourned.