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Planning Committee   Campus Governance

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Committee Members: Mark Logan (Chair), James Wojtaszek, Bryan Herrmann (ex-officio), Bill Zimmerman (ex-officio), Stacey Aronson, Keni Zenner, Laura Thielke, Mark Collier, Satis Devkota, and Alison Campbell (secretary)

Absent: none

Guest(s): n/a

- Introductions
- Background of what the Planning Committee does
    - With the elimination of the Functions and Awards Committee – planning will now review naming recommendations/issues to Campus Assembly from the Office of Advancement
- Topics for the Fall
    - Facilities – what has happened and will happen in the future
    - Strategic enrollment management
    - Technology updates – meeting with IT colleagues from the Twin Cities
    - Energy/Renewable Energy/Sustainability
    - Joint meetings with committees that have overlap and with Senior Leadership
    - Update from NASS/NASANTI Grant
- Bryan gave a COVID planning update
    - Stevens county is now at 78 cases – not coming from students
    - Quarantine = suspected symptoms or known exposure
    - Isolation = person has tested positive
    - Desks in classrooms have been removed and separated
    - Funding technology – Tech Fee and central budget gave money to each campus
        - Have done major renovations to Humanities and Blakely – wanted to do the same updates in other locations on campus in the fall using Tech Fee
        - Our vendor said they received 4 years' worth of orders in 3 months
        - We decided to invest in enterprise solutions for long term since we don't have the funds to temporally update areas
        - Got 26 kits to do zoom rooms at the end of September
        - Humanities and Blakey are serviced by air handlers – we are able to adjust the fresh air exchange. We didn't adjust the filtration systems because the recommendation was to just cycle the air more
        - MN Department of Health came in June to look at facilities for best practices for safety
    - Has COVID affected funding sources like HEAPR?
        - HEAPR was not passed this year. HEAPR - Higher Education Asset Preservation and Renewal

- Use money for infrastructure, exterior and accessibility
- Does not require a 1/3 match
  - There is a hold on the Bonding Bills for August and September
  - This all has delayed a lot of projects
  - All money that was allocated previously is being used for current projects
- Is there talk about a more expanded testing?
  - We are going through SCMC for testing because our physical space on campus is not large enough for mass testing
  - There are now saliva tests around the country but we do not currently have access to these tests.
  - Need to keep the reliability up for tests