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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, Mitchell Moris (student), Brianna Dokken (student), Erik Kjer (student), and Alison Campbell (minutes)

Absent: Mitchell Moris, Alison Campbell

Guest(s): Josh Ruegg, OIT Business Relationship Manager

Approve Minutes: 7-0 Vote to approve minutes

IT updates from Bill Zimmermann and Josh Ruegg (our Business Relationship Manager from the Twin Cities)

Presentation about Governance group data collection and how identified themes are generated and how the opportunities to collaborate and understand IT@UMN awareness to expand the information on what will be a priority for the year ahead.

Academic Year 2020-2021 themes:

- Leadership transitions
- Scaled Agile Frameworks – Mature processes & Modernize Systems

Bill Zimmerman – Local IT Updates

- VOIP – Voice over internet Protocol would replace our current phone system that is on the end of life. Advantages:
  - Softphones
  - Flexibility with new system – forward phone calls, more control of the system
- UPS - uninterrupted power supplies - this would be set up to avoid the very short classroom disruptions from short-term (under 15 minute) brown outs or electrical outages. Reduce classroom disruptions and network outages.
- Website Update - IT team is working closely with communications and marketing to update the campus website as a whole
- Classroom updates – working to finish the install of cameras and microphones from the summer updates. Planning on training sessions in January before the restart
- SHOT projects – funding from the SHOT organization to be able to do IT projects – working with Chemistry to enhance a lab to create better classroom experience in General Chemistry

Ruegg – What went well and didn't go well in the transition to remote learning?

- Moving to Zoom from WebEx was good
- Having Shared Drives set up before was helpful to move to remote work

- Teaching in a hybrid environment was more challenging, hopefully will improve with install of cameras and microphones
- Academic Technology Support Team – will continue in the support role and will continue to be available to support them
- Internet access from students - inconsistency is challenging for students connecting from a distance, are there any stats on this or any way to help support this and even this out? We have hotspots and equipment available if students need them to access. Encourage students to connect with IT to receive help.

This meeting was catch-up from last spring and we will be connecting again next spring as we move forward with the themes for the next academic year.

The proposal to name the Black Box Theatre in honor of George Fosgate

This was brought to the planning committee in Spring 2020, and then to the last Campus Assembly for action; it failed to reach the threshold of 2/3 affirmative votes of the membership of Campus Assembly; and Tim Lindberg as parliamentarian has informed Mark it can be brought to Steering Committee to be put on the Campus Assembly agenda for another vote.

Discussion: Will the outcome be different? The vote only fell short because of the lack of 2/3 of people voting for this. So many that didn't vote one way or the other. How do we get people to vote? It seems that it wasn't clear that it needed 2/3 of all assembly members vs just of the people in attendance. If we do a revote it should be clear a number threshold of what it would take to pass. Could we do an instant poll during assembly as a vote vs sending this out through simply voting? Might be a misunderstood procedure – closer to the last vote, if that is a possibility?

Vote to send back to Steering: Motion: Mark Collier, Second: Stacey Aronson Approved: 7-0 to move to Steering

Campus Budget Questions

What role will the committee play in the budget questions? Mark will be reaching out to Chancellor Behr to follow-up on the role planning could play in the future look at strategic planning and current budget questions.