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Planning Committee
September 20, 2022 11:40 a.m.
Meeting Number 2
Zoom

Members present: Mark Collier (chair), Emma Kloos, Keni Zenner, Daleney Teske, Sam Lindholm, James Wojtaszek, Bryan Herrmann (non-voting), , Bill Zimmerman (non-voting),

Members absent: Stephan Crabtree, Elliot James, Stacey Aronson (non-voting)

Guests: 0

Minutes: Reviewed August 30, 2022 minutes. Accepted changes proposed by Bryan. Motion by Bill Z, all approved.

Spoooner Hall Naming Question

Bryan spoke with Janet about the naming. Janet is working with some historians to learn about the Spooner naming. Discussed that the planning committee is likely the most appropriate committee to discuss this as the naming question is being worked through. Mark will add this topic to the next committee meeting. It is clear that if a new name is proposed it would follow the process the committee worked through during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Topic for discussion: How to Build 'Fun Spaces' on Campus for Faculty/Staff and/or Students? Should we create a number of sub-committees to tackle the issue?

Ideas and proposal to bolster vital campus community (re. our Strategic Plan & Vision) to encourage gathering and socializing. Mark presented this idea at the committees chair meeting and discussed that other committees are interested in discussing this along with student engagement. Bill asked a question about current plans for space renewal on the list. The student engagement discussion might be a bigger discussion than just the planning committee. Peh just sent out an email about using Prairie Lounge as a space to create an opportunity for faculty and staff to gather for lunch a few days a week. Mark felt we need a place to go to unwind and connect.

Sam pointed out that there are several spaces on campus that are not used but felt it was a technology issue vs an actual space issue. Emma pointed out there are lots of great spaces on campus and trying to figure out ways to get people together to connect. Emma was pointing out that we should look at ways to narrow down the scope of the discussion. James asked Sam to clarify what you are looking for in the spaces that would be used. Daleney and Sam noted that there are issues with the tech related to streaming movies, Bill pointed out that it is a legal issue.

Mark discussed maybe there are two spaces. One for students to connect, is there another space that would work and maybe it is about getting people to those spaces. Sam wondered if we could remodel TMC to have smaller spaces to connect within the larger space. Bill asked

can we discuss what we would like to see happening in the space. Defining the uses would help the discussion, Mark was pointing out that if we have a space, how do we think about what happens and when in those spaces. Discussion about campus engagement events at other institutions and think about who does the work of organizing these aspects of these events on campus. Requested to think about sub committees. Need to talk to student affairs committee and the FACPAC or Consultative committee about using data that is captured already. Keni pointed out that people are using some spaces off campus already and they try to carve out one night a week to meet but it is a childcare issue for people. Other committee members pointed out that the childcare is a big issue as well. The discussion moved as students pointed out they are challenged already with time having on lots of activities and course already. Is the allocation of resources and time for students to be a big part of the discussion as well?

Bill pointed out that existing data needs to be analyzed based on thinking about how the pandemic may have impacted any existing data that we have. Mark discussed trying to figure out next steps on how we want to focus our work after the good discussion today. Mark proposed – thinking about the spaces, how to incentivize the spaces, and how to overcome obstacles that people have. This would take us to the end of the semester. This would be a three step process to help move forward. Bill talked about thinking about the technology and repurposing existing spaces. Emma is going to talk to the teacher Ed faculty and staff to think about what would bring them out to a space. Mark proposed having a forum to discuss this topic. Keni discussed the community needs and changes approach that has worked in previous professional roles. Agenda for next time will be to synthesize this information into a plan for the next few meetings that we will work forward with.

Date of next meeting 10.11.2022

Adjournment time 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Bryan Herrmann

Date submitted to Digital Well: TBD

Date: September 20, 2022