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Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 2/18/2014

11:00 a.m., Moccasin Flower Room

Present: Arne Kildegaard, Jane Kill, Michael Eble, James Hall, James Barbour, Lowell Rasmussen, Jon Anderson, Sarah Mattson, Jordan Wentz

Lowell Rasmussen and Jordan Wentz talked about UMM's application to the Minnesota Department of Commerce for a \$200,000.00 facility that would generate energy and store it. The idea is to build this facility on the North side of the Green Residence Hall and pay the cost with the \$.20/Kilowatt hour that would come from Ottetail Power for the first 15 years. After that UMM would have free energy and cut peak demands through the year, resulting in a significant cost savings. The useful life of this facility would be 30 years.

Continuing to refine the final report: 2006 UMM Strategic Plan
Arne will not be in Morris next Tuesday, February 25, so final touches will be done to the feedback report following discussions on Tuesday, March 4 and then it will be taken to Chancellor Johnson.

Goal: Maintain at least 85% tenure track positions.

-Review of Bart Finzel's (guest at February 11 PC meeting) explanation of whether UMM can attain this goal. Discussion concluded that this is not attainable by AAUP's best practice standard of instruction, but could hit the goal of 85% tenure track. Because of sabbaticals and leaves, even if we have 85% tenure track positions, there won't always be 85% instructing on any given semester.

-Comment of Dean Finzel's support of attaining 85% tenure track positions at UMM.

Jane Kill will check with Henry Fulda to make sure the PC's conclusions and recommendations are in line with what is. Current text to be checked:

"PC: Significant resources have been devoted to this objective,, not only as regards the Green Prairie Living and Learning Center. Technology fees and the "Campus Fee" have been used for further improvements.

Recommendation: PC believes progress towards this goal is well underway, and that the current approach is appropriate and should be continued. On-going efforts in pursuit of this goal are fundamental feature of the work at a liberal arts college.

PC Committee members should review the document and come to the March 4th meeting with comments and then the report will be finalized.

Discussion turned to The RAR (Resource Allocation Research) summary (Google Doc).

-Clarification needs to be made for the Psychology Discipline's review. Jon Anderson is working with Ann Kolden to add the report to the RAR

-Group agreed that the RAR needs to be more "Regularized" or "Standardized" to make it less painful for departments/programs to use to report their progress and define their work.

-Arne will talk to Chancellor Johnson to say that the PC will not contest any of the reviews.

-Prof Michael Eble asked that the final report be available to campus for closure on the project.

-Jacquie Johnson is pulling a group together to participate in the RAR evaluation, and if Arne is asked to join this group he will let the PC know via email.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted: Jane Kill