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Planning Committee Minutes
March 25, 2014
11:00 a.m., Moccasin Flower Room

Members Present: Julie Eckerle, Jon Anderson, Jim Barbour, Jim Hall, Arne Kildegaard, Jane Kill, Jordan Wente, Sarah Mattson, Lowell Rasmussen

Guests: Henry Fulda, Assistant Vice Chancellor Student Affairs; TJ Ross, Associate Department Director, Residential Life

Objective:

The Planning Committee is considering the 2006 UMM Strategic Plan's Goal: "***Achieve and maintain a student body of a 2100...***". Looking at the feasibility of attaining and maintaining this goal, the March 28th Committee meeting's guest was Bryan Herrmann, Director of Admissions, and this weeks' guests will look at the existing/future housing facilities within the bounds of possibility to accommodate this increase.

Discussion:

Henry Fulda (HF). It took 8 years to get permission to build the Green Campus Living Center. A campus needs to show that there is a continuing need for more beds to accommodate students, i.e. renting other venues (hotel, apartment, etc) for 2-3 years, or as in UMM's case, the retirement of Blakely Hall to administrative offices (72 beds). The TC paired the proposal of 103 beds in the new facility down to 73 beds, so that has not allowed for any additional increases.

TJ Ross (TJ) pointed out that while UMM does not require 1st year students to live on-campus, we guarantee them a bed--this year 94% of 1st year students live on-campus. This table shows actual residents and percentage of enrollment figures for the past/current 5 years:

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
UMM Total Enrollment	1705	1811	1932	1896	1946
Residents On-Campus	808	840	938	871	939
% of Enrollment	47.39%	46.38%	48.55%	45.94%	48.25%

Total on-campus housing resources (includes supplemental spaces and 4 residents in each apartment): **975** (50 beds in Blakely will not be available in 2 years¹ so that numbers is not taken into account in the 975 total). If 46% (considering historical percentages) of 2100 students want to live on campus, that would be 966 beds leaving no room for shifts due to personal issues/concerns.

Lowell Rasmussen (LR) explained that the TC campus would not authorize debt unless there is ample justification that the debt can be paid off in 20 years. The concern here would be if UMM could maintain the 2100 number to depend on the resources that would take to pay a 20 year debt.

HF said the TC campus is only committed to 1st year student requests for on-campus housing and all others are on a lottery system of first come-first served for available housing.

¹ The top two floors of Blakely Hall are being used by Residential Life (50 beds) for the next 2 years before the Hall will be completely used for administrative offices. HEAPR funds will be able to be used to update that facility, but those funds can not be used by Residential Life since they are an Auxiliary program.

Questions from the Committee:

Sarah Mattson: Is there a guarantee that there will be housing in the Community?

Jim Barbour: How is the city doing with appropriate housing options?

HF is on the Morris Housing Committee and states Morris struggles to have enough housing and that even though there is a process to certify rental units, the code is set pretty low and units still may not be good places to live.

Arne Kildegaard: UMM's relationship with the Prairie Inn?

HF: They are dealing with mold issues. Even though Superior Industries upgraded a number of rooms for their purposes, that didn't seem like a good alternative at this point.

AK: Staffing increases? What about coordinating off-campus options?

TJ: No more staffing unless another facility is built. If there is an increased need for off-campus housing, that might become part of someone's job description.

LR: No additional constraints on Food Service?

TJ: I assume not but I will check.

AK: What about Blakely?

HF: Because Blakely was "substandard" and needed upgrading, Residential Life spent \$500,000 for a new fire alarm and sprinkler system and another \$1.2 M to add on another 25 rooms, but that still is not going to get it up to regulations.

Jon Anderson: Bottom line?

LR: Steam heat and water system and accessibility.

AK thanked guests for coming.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Kill