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**Planning Committee Minutes**  
**April 1, 2014**  
**11:00 a.m., Moccasin Flower Room**

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

**Guest:** Bart Finzel, VCAA & Dean

**Subject:** Academic Affairs resource implications of 2100 students

BF: Whether there are 50 new students that are Freshmen or Juniors, UMM would have to increase staffing to support them, i.e. library, grounds, counseling, faculty, courses.

We have actually grown by 200 students in the past 2 years. Dean Finzel remarked that if UMM goes forward with the increase to 2100 students, there needs to be a plan in place to accommodate/support this number instead of a reactionary response. Budgets have not kept up with student numbers, e.g. Student Counseling.

Suppose there are 150 new students with a net increase of \$6,000, or \$900,000

AK: Include Financial Aid (Bryan Herrmann said about \$2500/student)

BF: 2050 F-T registered students requires 9 new faculty position (\$675,000), and careful course scheduling. Currently UMM has been playing with a 40/50 student increase/decline each year. For the most part there is physical space, but there is a cost for resources.

AK: Faculty cost more as they mature so it would be cheaper in the long run to hire new faculty.

BF: There could be more classes that have lower numbers.

JA: Same kind of composition figures as in the past for science majors.

SM/BF: Target students' interest major-wise / if we could do that we could accommodate better.

JW: Of the 9 needed faculty, ½ might be Tenure Track and ½ non?

BF: UMM could accommodate 2100, but better 2000 with proper course schedule management.

LR: Reminded the committee that UMM might need to begin managing resources like private colleges—business model.

ME: Where did funding come in the past with increased student numbers?

BF: Extra tuition revenue. More students does not increase the Dean's budget. The Dean can make an appeal for more funds and that appeal has to be requested and funded.

AK: Seems like a bit of a shell game.

AK: We have looked at facilities and questioned if 150 extra students would be more demanding than UMM's physical resources could manage. Henry Fulda was pessimistic about being approved to build another dormitory, but added there are other options. Bryan Herrmann said that the population of students that might be available to apply to 4-year colleges is not growing, so retention is a way to increase numbers of students.