UMC Executive Committee
Notes
September 5, 2013

Present: Chancellor Wood, Sue Erickson, Bill Peterson, Sue Brorson, Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Stephanie Helgeson, Carola Thorson, Andrew Svec, Michelle Christopherson, Dan Svedarsky, John Loegering, Jeff Sperling, Corby Kemmer, Kim Gillette, Peter Phaiah, Les Johnson, Barbara Keinath, Chris Winjum

Guest(s): Dr. Bernard Franklin, Lorna Hollowell

In these minutes: Discussion with Dr. Bernard Franklin, Chancellor Update, Member Updates

Discussion with Dr. Bernard Franklin
Peter Phaiah introduced Dr. Franklin and then turned it over to Dr. Franklin for discussion. Dr. Franklin discussed many topics with the Executive Committee all within the context of how to provide the best educational experience for our students. Some of the topics included the importance of forward thinking, the use of technology, recruitment and support of diversity on campus, etc. The discussion took most of the hour, leaving a few minutes for updates.

Chancellor Update – Chancellor Wood
- Reminded individuals that Dr. Franklin would be presenting two times today, at Noon and again at 7pm, and encouraged attendance.
- Reminded individuals about two different upcoming dates:
  - Sept. 18 the MN House Capital Investment Committee will visit campus to learn more about our Wellness Center request.
  - Sept. 25 the MN Senate Education Chair Senator Bonoff will visit campus for a student open forum.
  Hold time on both these dates as we will be notifying some of you regarding helping with some of their visits.

Member Updates
- None

‘Pre-Posted’ Member Updates
- Michelle Christopherson – Center for Adult Learning
  The Center for Adult Learning collaborates with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation and secures grant funding to deliver Achieve More to three more regional school districts in 2013-2014; Fisher, Fertile Beltrami and Win-E-Mac.

Achieve More; will work to ensure that all high school graduates are ready for career and post-secondary success.

  1. Helping students navigate the challenges and opportunities they encounter on their way to career and post-secondary success.
  2. Increasing opportunities for students to pursue post-secondary credit while in high school.
  3. Strengthening assessments and support to identify off-track students and bring them back on track.
  4. Further aligning state academic standards and teacher preparation with real-world learning.
5. Encouraging schools and districts to take innovative, comprehensive approaches to preparing students.

Supported by community and implemented through multiple stakeholders; the surrounding community and the cities of Fertile-Beltrami, Fisher and Win-E-Mac will benefit. Achieve More was a successful pilot in the Crookston School District last year 2012-2013.

Collectively Achieve More; Junior Achievement & College and Career Preparation 101 plans to bolster the local workforce and contribute to economic growth furthering the goal of IMPACT 20/20 and the IMPACT 20/20 Education Task Force by engaging local communities. Together communities will improve four-year on-time graduation rates in the high school and increase the number of local college students obtaining two- and four-year degrees while better preparing them for careers.

Through this innovative, grant funded, partnership the University of Minnesota Crookston’s Center for Adult Learning, the Northwest Minnesota Foundation and IMPACT 20/20 and together with the educators and volunteers, we will engage young people to connect with relevant occupations, regional and local; and the importance of staying in school and thinking beyond twelfth grade (including but not limited to agriculture, industry, business and manufacturing)

Respectfully submitted by Chris Winjum