Present:  Fred Wood, Barbara Keinath, Chris Winjum, Corby Kemmer, Dave Danforth, Andrew Svec, Kevin Thompson, Sue Erickson, Rob Proulx, Jeff Sperling, Joseph Shostell, Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Carola Thorson, Stephanie Helgeson, Peter Phaiah, Les Johnson, Deb Zak, Ron Del Vecchio, Tricia Sanders, Kim Gillette, Dan Svedarsky

Guest(s):

In these minutes:  Summer Retreat Planning, ESUP Update, Chancellor’s Update, Member Updates

Summer Retreat Planning – Chancellor Wood
Discussion and planning took place regarding the topic of the upcoming retreat.  Potential dates of July 20-24 or July 27-31 are being considered.  Chris will email out a survey on the dates.  Discussion on location also took place and the group felt like it would be best to be off campus, but thought we should look towards a Crookston location.  Chris will look into options.  Regarding the focus, Chancellor Wood said he wanted to have diversity/inclusion as the over-riding focus.  He asked the committee for their ideas if diversity/inclusion should be explored in regards to self-improvement, self-understanding, or if it should be more tied to retention of students.  The committee was mixed, more planning will continue.  Peter will reach out to Dr. Albert’s office as well.

ESUP Update – Tricia Sanders
The system cutover period will be from April 10th through April 20th.  Related systems will be unavailable or in view-only mode during this time.  April 14th is the ESUP fair on campus.  The systems may be temporarily slow during the early days after launch because they are pulling in upgraded access profile information.  Plus, the backlog of work will likely cause high traffic.  So, expect things to take longer, and be patient as you learn new navigation and processes.

Chancellor Updates
•  Chancellor Wood encouraged everyone to do their best to support/attend many of the different end of the year events taking place over the next few weeks.
•  The President’s State of the University Address will be later today, it will be streaming in Dowell 101.
•  Chancellor Wood met the 3 new regents at the March BOR meetings.  They are all excellent with diverse backgrounds.
•  We will need to work to align UMC strategic plans with the TC strategic plans.

Andrew Svec – University Relations
•  Commencement will be Sat., May 9th at 2 pm.  Regent Peggy Lucas and Alumni Dave Eckman will be speaking.  More details to come.

Barbara Keinath – Academic Affairs
•  4 Faculty positions have been filled.  Others are still in the search process.
•  3 LAE Dept Head finalists named and 2 Finalists for Ctr for Rural Development.  Interviews for all these will be soon.
Ron Del Vecchio – Agriculture and Natural Resources
  • NACTA team leaves next week for competition.
  • Wildlife team took 1st place recently at their competition.

Dave Danforth – Facilities and Operations
  • Construction traffic will start in a couple weeks. Tree removal will begin next week.

Deb Zak – Extension
  • April 15th from 5:30-8pm there will be a climate discussion led by climatologist and U of MN Professor Mark Seeley. Everyone is invited to attend.
  • April 16th Thursday Commons “The Earth Belongs to Everyone” event. Both of these are in conjunction with Earth Month.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Winjum