Present: Barbara Keinath, Peter Phaiah, Tricia Sanders, Andrew Svec, and Fred Wood.

A. Approval of Past Minutes - Minutes from the September 8 meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes from the September 15 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

B. AASCU Symposium – Fred attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Presidential Symposium held last week in the Twin Cities. Several college leaders from across the U.S. attended the event, which focused on enrollment, retention, and related issues. Among the trends discussed at the symposium:
   • Prospective students applying to several more colleges than in the past
   • Leveraging student financial aid packages -- by both families and colleges
   • High school sophomore and younger ages (and their families) requesting information about colleges, making decisions increasingly earlier
   • An emerging expectation of quick customer response and turnaround time from colleges and universities

C. NSIC Meetings – Fred also attended the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) meetings along with Steph Helgeson earlier this week in the Twin Cities. He reported that major discussion centered on Title IX issues. Another trending topic involved colleges developing policies related to transgender issues.

D. Development Director Search – A candidate for UMC’s open director of development & alumni relations will interview on campus this coming Thursday. There will also be an additional candidate interview next week.

E. HLC Reaccreditation – Barbara provided an update on reaccreditation activities. Things are progressing well.
   • Federal Compliance Review Report has been drafted and is being finalized.
   • Quality Highlights Report has been reviewed by various groups and is in the final review stages. Final feedback from campus reviewers is due to Barbara and Sue Erickson by Monday, Sept. 28.
   • Campus site visit is set for November 9-11.

F. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – Fred shared some book titles that may make for good reading in this area.
   • “Why We Can’t Wait” by Martin Luther King, Jr.
   • “The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace” by Jeff Hobbs
   This also opened a discussion of a possible campus “common book” project. It would be good to have a discussion with the faculty and campus community about a common book.

G. The meeting ended at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Svec