Chancellor’s Cabinet Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

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

A. Diversity, Inclusion, and Engagement – Barbara indicated that she has been hearing that some employees and students wonder why we are talking so much about diversity and inclusion. While we heard some concerns from students last year, the reasons for focusing on diversity, inclusion, and engagement go beyond those concerns to UMC’s values, the commitment to educating students for a diverse world, and the broader land-grant mission of serving the state.

We need to do a better job of framing the discussion so that everyone understands why we are focusing on the topic. Barbara will work with Andrew on an E-Update to provide an overview of the reasons behind the conversations.

Les and Peter updated the group on the Professional Development (PD) Day scheduled for Friday, October 23.

Peter reported that potential PD Day speaker, Anton Treuer from Bemidji State University, has been contacted by Lorna, and he is available to present at this event. There may be some additional options from UMTC. Peter, Les, Lorna and Stacie Varnson will be meeting to further discuss PD Day.

B. College in the High School- Barbara discussed the Higher Learning Commission’s newly articulated Assumed Practice regarding instructor credentials and the concerns that Minnesota’s concurrent enrollment network has expressed about it. Andrew, Michelle, and Barbara are working on a communication to UMC’s CIHS network. Department heads, Michelle, and Barbara have been developing UMC guidelines to implement the Assumed Practice changes. The HLC’s expanded Guidance document is expected around October 1.

C. BOR Update- Fred gave the group an update on last week’s BOR meetings. Cabinet was provided with a hand-out of the draft System-wide Progress Card. Some of the measures are focused on system goals. Others are campus-specific. For each of the campuses, draft targets for four-year and six-year graduation rates are proposed.

D. Topics for Executive Committee Meeting- The group discussed topics to be discussed topics for Thursday’s Executive Committee meeting.

The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Selvig 308.

Respectfully Submitted- Peter Phaiah