Present: Barbara Keinath, Sue Erickson, Kevin Thompson, Chris Winjum, Les Johnson, Jeff Sperling, Dan Svedarsky, Joseph Shostell, Kim Gillette, Andrew Svec, Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Harouna Maiga, Peter Phaiah, Stephanie Helgeson, Michelle Christopherson, Dave Danforth, Katy Nannenga

Guest(s):

In these minutes: Professional Development, HLC Update, CIHS, Member Updates

Professional Development – Peter Phaiah, Les Johnson
The Professional Development day on October 23 will continue our campus work of intercultural awareness. Speaker Anton Treuer (BSU Professor) will be at UMC and present on the topics of cultural awareness, inclusion, etc.

Another initiative being explored is the idea of having UMC employees take a Cultural Awareness Assessment to learn our individual and collective campus attitudes/perceptions in these areas. Executive Committee felt this was a good idea, and this group will be the pilot group to take this assessment. Coordination of when this assessment will be taken is being worked out.

Discussion on a message from campus administration to “frame” our diversity work was had. This will possibly done in a future E-update.

HLC Update – Barbara Keinath
This has been mentioned before, but be aware of the dates of November 9-11th as this is when the HLC review team will be on our campus. Need feedback from those who have not read the Quality Highlight Report yet to do so ASAP.

CIHS – Barbara Keinath, Michelle Christopherson
Barbara and Michelle explained some changes that new teachers/faculty must have in their credentials (or at least how those are tracked/recorded). There has been much recent talk about this, and some miscommunication getting out about it. If they may affect you, or you want to know more information speak with Barbara or Michelle.

Member Updates

Public Relations and Marketing - Andrew
- DRUPAL website to launch in Mid-November

International Programs - Kim
- Religious Diversity Programming on Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 1
- Chinese Cooking class will be offered 1 Thursday a month for the academic year. See Kim for details
Athletics – Stephanie Helgeson
- On campus interviews soon for the Development Director position
- Monday heading to Chaska for a UMC alumni event at the Arboretum with Chancellor Wood, and others for our Development Office.
- Soccer is home this weekend

Facilities – Dave Danforth
- Wellness Center construction is on schedule. Crane coming to campus week of homecoming.
- Electrical Infrastructure is moving along, some unforeseen cable and switch replacements came up but still moving forward.

Center for Sustainability – Dan Svedarsky
- Hi Tunnel is finished and ready to grow in.

Agriculture and Natural Resources – Harouna Maiga
- Ag Ed Board of Teaching approval very close, will announce when official.
- April 14-16 NACTA on campus, much planning is underway. Please mark this on your calendars and more information will come out as we get closer.

Liberal Arts and Education – Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson
- Last Tuesday Soo-Yin and Michelle Christopherson met at the White Earth Community and Tribal College to start a co-hort.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Winjum