STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2010


Members Absent: Tony Akubue, John Burgeson, Sarah Larson, Casey Wagner, Kay Worner

Guests: Devinder Malhotra, Steve Ludwig, Leslie Valdes, Mark Springer, Kristi Tornquist

Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2010:

Approved with no changes. No objections

Additional Agenda Items:

- A further explanation of the apology that the SPC needs to make.

Joint Discussion of Budget Advisory Group and SPC:

- Future collaboration between Budget Advisory Group and SPC
  - Planning should be driving the budget
  - Each group needs to remain transparent and inform the other of what they are working on
  - How can we be more public in our discussions?
- Discussion:
  - There is a sub group of the BAG that has been meeting about the possibilities of different types of tuition that may be explored such as market based tuition.
  - Tuition rates are set by the board and it is currently being considered by the MnSCU Board.
  - Costs of administration discussions would be important for both groups to talk about.
  - We need a budget format that helps us understand the implications of programmatic changes and make it more accessible and easily reportable to the university community.
  - Formal request from SPC to BAG regarding cost analysis may be a way to get some questions answered.
  - We need to find agreement on what we really need to inform our decisions.
  - Current budget does not necessarily reflect the current costs.
The budget should also inform the planning.
- We should be planning 3, 5, 7 years out.
- Develop standard templates for the particular purpose of informing our conversations and decision making process.
- Develop a conceptual framework that identifies the allocative structure that is needed for a decentralized mechanism.
- As we work through the process, costing of the options is a very important criterion. It is important for effectiveness. There is more than one way to accomplish what we want both directly and indirectly.
- Decision is not only about the increments but the overall focused and comprehensive budget and what we are accomplishing.

- **Budget redesign in relationship to reorganization, including next steps and Larry Goldstein report**
  - Report reflects what he collected from us.
  - Will help us achieve an understanding of the broader issues around budget methods.
  - Suggested that we bring Larry Goldstein back to campus to help us work on the budget redesign and reorganization.

- **Response:**
  - Should there be a structural expectation of quarterly meetings?
  - Role of the BAG in relation to formality and recognition? It does have a faculty co-chair.
  - Develop a structure for forwarding the work of policy recommendations and guidelines.
  - Clear communication will be critical.
  - There are two different levels of participation: short term reality of the budget shortfall and long term budget planning.

**Process work for reorganization:**

- **Cluster Forums**
  - Schedule
  - Questions
    - Details of an on-going electronic collaboration space are being worked out.
  - Facilitators

- **Examples of organizational structures from other institutions**
Motion by John Palmer to move the Monday April 19 cluster forums as follows: Counseling & Human Development to Wednesday, April 21, Creative & Performing Arts to Friday, April 23, and Health Sciences to Monday, April 26.

Three objections, motion failed.

Motion made and second to:

Postpone the first meeting and allow the co chairs to reschedule a new time but before the end of the semester.

Approved

Motion made for:

The SPC to apologize for using the word colonial languages in our evaluation of the foreign languages program review proposal and that we did not intend to offend anyone with the use of this term.

Tabled until next meeting.