

## Summary of Meeting #1, September 26, 2013

- Agenda:
1. Goals for this session
  2. Review of mandate
  3. Principles
  4. Identifying Value & Concerns
  5. Defining programs
  6. Proposed plan overview
    - Narrowing in on October
    - Next meetings....

Reference: Powerpoint called Presidential Task Force Meeting 1 Sept 26 2013.pdf

### Summary of Key Discussion Items

Agenda Item #3: Operating Principles for Task Force and subcommittee members. Task force members emphasized need for CONFIDENTIALITY of discussions during meetings, while recognizing that processes will be transparent and frequent updates to university community are required. Confidentiality of details of meetings will encourage frank and complete questioning and discussion, and help prevent misunderstanding of comments by those not in attendance.

### Agenda Item #4: Identifying Value & Concerns

Opportunities included:

- Engaging community in its future
- Re-building trust
- Understanding more of the university breadth & depth
- Transparent reallocation to facilitate development and improve programs
- Refined identification of opportunities & directions

Cautions & concerns included:

- Ambitious mandate and timeframe – can it be completed on time in a truly consultative way?
- Will it be implemented? Do not want to see it shelved.
- It will be challenging to engage everyone in positive way
- Do not want to marginalize any group – must remember to consider all stakeholders
- Must be mindful not to make any group feel threatened by process

### Agenda Item #5: Defining Programs

Definition of program needs to be expanded to include value....eg, revised definition

“Any activity or collection of activities of the university that **produces value or** consumes resources (dollars, space, people, equipment, time)”

The university has a broader mission than academics... We are contributing to the development of

engaged, global citizens...need to retain that concept as we evaluate programs

Need to consider cross-cutting factors such as our policies....eg., our degree structure and regulations affect choices and outcomes across many degrees, timetable, registrar's policies, etc.

Agenda Item 6: Proposed Plan Overview.

Some members are concerned with workload as they had not been aware of implications of task force as they planned their own yearly workload.

Dr. Jeff Orr will be Project Manager. Other assignments of staff to be announced later with intent of minimizing impact on workload of Task Force Committee members.

Next meeting: 2 weeks from now.

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