

Planning Council Minutes
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Montana Board Room, NAH 359

Members Present:

Kristin Blackler
Michael Brody
David Eitle
Chris Fastnow
Katie Ivester
Ryan Knutson
Jennifer Lachoweic
Terry Leist

Members Present:

Rob Maher
Susan Raph
Logan Schultz
Omar Shrehryar

Others Present:

Becca Belou
Jason Carter
Ian Godwin
Stephanie Gray
Megan Lasso
Craig Ogilvie
Richard Rudnicki
Steve Swinford

- I. Welcome and announcements
 - A. No announcements
- II. Approval of minutes from 4/28/21 - approved
- III. Discussion
 - A. Expectations for Planning Council Members
 1. Know the [Strategic Plan](#) and attend meetings.
 2. Communicate both ways – we want to know what constituents think and you need to tell them what we are doing.
 3. Leave local affiliation at the door. We represent and strive to improve the university as a whole.
 - B. Update on priority goals for AY 23
 1. The 3 priority goals were endorsed by President Cruzado and her executive team, available here: [Recommended Goals for Focus, FY23](#)
 - C. Work plan for AY 22
 1. Annual tasks of reviewing progress and recommending priorities
 2. Discussion of the new biennial cycle for Strategic Investment Proposal process
 - a. How does the biennial cycle impact the prioritization discussion?
 - b. Why biennial?
 - a. Aligns with Legislative schedule
 - b. Raises expectations for quality of proposals in SIP years, allows more time to look for collaborative spaces for investment

- c. Alternate year will be larger scale investments to support strategic and infrastructure goals
- d. Gives a holiday from the 2% reallocation process
- c. PC role in fostering superior proposals in either year of the cycle?

3. Timing of next strategic plan

- a. Current plan ends in 2024
- b. Align with NWCCU 7-year report cycle, due fall 2024

4. COVID related planning/conversation

- a. Required short term, tactical response – communicate in PC as appropriate.
- b. Who might be assessing the COVID response?

D. Progress report on Goal 2.4

- 1. Jason Carter updated PC on goal 2.4.1. about the new annual research report template piloted by center and institute directors for tracking research productivity and goals. The template will be rolled out to colleges and departments this year.
- 2. Ian Godwin presented [Choosing Promise, Goal 2.4 Update](#) dashboards on metrics 2.4.2., 2.4.3. and 2.4.4.

IV. Other business – none

V. Public comment – none

Next meeting: September 22, 2021 10:30 am -12 noon, MT Room