University Planning Group Minutes  
October 12, 2010

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: CAS Conference Room, 140 KFA

Present: Lee Monson, Stacey Stoffregen, Brad Mogen, Sarah Egerstrom, Dale Braun, Michael Harris, Brian Schultz, Jim Madsen, Terry Ferriss, Alan Tuchtenhagen, Dale Gallenberg, Kristen Hendrickson, Fernando Delgado Absent: Steve Kelm, Gregg Heinselman  Guests: Michael Miller, Mark Meydam, Brent Greene

Agenda Items- No Formal Agenda Today

1) LTP Dashboard Updates

- The Provost introduced two LTP dashboard priorities to be presented on during the meeting- changes in Enrollment Services and priorities revolving around Global Connections/international study.

Changes in Enrollment Services

- Alan Tuchtenhagen, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services, led the group in a review of the Graduate Studies move.
- This move consisted of moving Julie Persico to 118 North Hall and Kathie Anderson to the Admissions Office in 112 South Hall.
- Met as a committee and in small groups to see what each unit needed and how could better provide services. Results of these meetings suggested the current model was fragmented.
- Used the undergraduate process model in realigning duties, offices, etc of individuals connected to Graduate Studies/Admission- need to adopt own model at the graduate level.
- Physical move happened Friday, October 1.
- Shifts in responsibilities. Persico is now supporting Academic Affairs. Her previous duties are being absorbed by others.
- The Provost noted this change creates a domino effect. Persico is now able to provide support to the Grants & Research Office. We are able to task people in new and different ways.
- A group member questioned if the move of Graduate Studies assisting Grants was intentional.
- The Provost assured the group the move was not to emphasize or tie graduate research.
- The Provost also mentioned this move may have the campus moving towards a Dean of Graduate School sometime in the future.
- Michael Miller offered the group perspective on this matter—while grad studies is diminishing, in time the grad programs and numbers and office will grow in time.
- Tuchtenhagen voiced that he thought the move did the reverse of diminish Grad Studies. He feels there will be a growth of students and programs.
- At this point another group member asked if the grad department was expected to grow in number of students of number of programs.
- The Provost responded that UWRF expects to see growth in both areas as there are faculty currently working on developing new grad programs. He then commented on the large market out there for us yet and how we are geographically and intellectually able to do so.
- The Provost also mentioned the possibility of offering doctorates in the future since we do have capabilities (talent, etc). We just lack the support right now.
- At this time a member questioned why UWRF would offered PhDs? He inquired if it was monetary?
- The Provost conceded that this was partly the reason, but really it will attract a higher quality student and increase application numbers because of what the University is representing.
- A member made the comment that these programs would need to be sustainable and the Provost agreed it is worth having the conversation about PhDs.
- Tuchtenhagen then posed a question to Mike Miller regarding the role of the Grad Council.
- Mike Miller spoke to this issue. Grad Council is referenced in the handbook but they are developing.
- A group member asked how this move affects Outreach and RDI.
- The Provost assured the group that they would not be affected.

Changes in International Study/Global Connections

- Switching gears, Brent Green, Director of Global Connections, took the floor to summarize the changes in GC and the LTP priorities affecting International Studies/GC.
- Greene informed UPG that up until last January all things international were housed in GC.
- Upon a consultation there was some reorganization and moving of offices and services. International Support Services was moved over to Student Affairs and English Language Transition (ELT) was placed with the Academic Success Center. These changes were made to create a broader base of staff and resources.
- The Provost also commented that the ELT program partnered with the Global Language Institute (GLI) in St. Paul. This partnership was created in part because of the growing number of domestic high school graduates who need ELT rather than remedial courses.
- Greene commented that it would be a multiple win if UWRF can get its own ELT center.
- The Provost commented that by moving some of these services GC is able to
focus on providing deep and enriching opportunities for the campus.

- Greene continued on mentioning he would like to increase the number of students doing full semester study abroad programs.
- GC now contracts with a company to provide an online admissions process and has highly trained peer advisors to make the process easier.
- GC also has contracted with outside resource centers to increase the number of programs available to students.
- The Provost stepped in to comment that GC also looked at its Risk Management policies and made updates in the student and faculty handbooks.
- Greene also spoke of his desire to open a center in China that would be comparable to Wisconsin in Scotland.
- Greene also talked about creating an International Program Committee who would act as the working advisory.
- A group member asked if growing GC will require new resources or if there are current resources available.
- Greene informed the group both new and current resources would be required. By moving some services out of GC some resources were opened but new resources would also be required. The center in China would utilize some of the WI in Scotland resources (coordinator, etc) and would also hopefully become self-sustaining.
- The Provost informed the group that the university may need to invest money in the short term for a long-term benefit. He then continued to discuss the Fulbright Coordinator and extending this position’s responsibilities.

- At the closing of the meeting Jim Madsen, Faculty Senate Chair, asked the group to provide him with feedback regarding the strategic plan process- what works well? What doesn't? How does UPG move forward? Want to use past experience to help process for next plan.
- He also mentioned that we need people to know that we will not be starting from scratch or starting over. UPG has momentum!
- Another member commented on how well UPG and UWRF have done considering the number of initiatives and it being the first strategic plan.
- The Provost commented that 2/3 of the 100 initiatives will probably be accomplished by the end.

Meeting end time: 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Fitzenberger.