General Meeting Agenda – March 9, 2021

9:00 A.M. on Zoom


Absent: Adam Hilt, Bryson Barth, Courtney Luxon, Emily Hassenstab, Gloria Marchio, Katie Sup Rezac, Keenan Krick, Ronita Bolton, Shannon Teamer, Thomas Walker, Vanessa Hatfield-Reeker

This meeting was held under Chatham House Rule. Topics and decisions will be fully and accurately represented but not individual speakers.

Call to Order – 9:01 A.M.

Guest Speaker – Sacha Kopp, Sr Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

- CFE Director Search –
  - Professional development/individual development
    - Career progression should not look like looking else where
    - Microagression trainings, race/bias trainings, inclusive culture training
    - Can always do more
  - What will recruitment look like and continue

- J-Term
  - Intensive lab, service learning, internship, etc. ideal courses
  - Some schools focus entirely on this
  - Opportunity – knock out a gen. ed./ get ahead in coursework
  - 80% of our students work 1 hour or more; 40% working between 30-40 hours/week
    - May want lighter load at other semesters
  - Catch up if missed or failed a course; remediation
  - Trimming spring break; trimming number of days of instruction to fit
  - Successful J-term = 10% of courses
  - Concerns and responses:
    - Accessibility services – will not have time to get caught up and prepared with all accommodations for j-term
      - How to solve is to advance timeline so there is not quick turn around
      - Turnaround on advising – advancement of time
    - Max course load
      - Classes: intent was one class
      - Faculty teaching: one class
▪ New admit students  
  • Do not start in j-term – non-admissions term  
▪ Registration time  
  • Day one registration discussion

▪ Fall 2021  
  o Same number of in person classes & same number of seats  
    ▪ Move into large rooms for spacing  
      • Thompson Alumni Center, MBSC, SCC being used as classrooms  
    ▪ CDC guidance – 3’ spacing, masking  
      • If everyone is vaccinated can potentially remove masks during gatherings

▪ Commencement Planning  
  o In-person commencement for Spring – provisional (trying to do that)  
    ▪ State of pandemic can change things  
    ▪ Safety may change things  
    ▪ May 7th & 10th – 8 commencement exercises by colleges  
    ▪ Small ceremony – 200/250 students  
    ▪ 4 family members/student – ticketed & in pods  
    ▪ Volunteers always needed

▪ Summer 2021  
  o Largely remote courses  
  o On-campus labs  
  o On-campus events this summer as practice  
    ▪ Safely, experience managing gatherings and crowds

▪ What workplace will work like?  
  o Starting in fall  
  o Continued need for accommodations of individuals with health concerns  
  o Continued lessons learned on what has worked with remote learning  
  o Continued thoughts and ideas on how to manage  
  o Do not need to do the same things as before – productivity concerns, etc.  
    ▪ Everyone has been dedicated and concerned about how to stay true to responsibilities and roles

Approval of Minutes – February - Approved

Officer Reports

▪ President’s Report  
  o Follow up with email to SAC  
  o Meeting with Chancellor  
    ▪ PD Fund  
      • Full recurring funding from Chancellor Gold  
  o Working on planning regular meetings for Faculty Senate, SAC and Student Government to work together

▪ Treasurer’s Report
Current balance: $14,345.69

Community Engagement Chair
- OLLAS Charla event
  - Great event and turn out

Events Committee Chair
- Pizza Night – March 26th
  - Share information and register by March 19th
  - Gluten-free/dietary restrictions available
    - Contact Kaitlin Carlson, kaitlincarlson@unomaha.edu

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Professional Development Chair
- Modifications on funds
- Prize patrol not happening right now
  - Idea to allow recipients a purchase item at the bookstore

Strategic Planning & Culture Chair
- Working on bylaws
- Nomination season
  - Acrylic awards

Other Reports
- Reports from SAC Representatives on UNO-wide committees
  - Naming Spaces Committee
    - Looking for spaces on campus we can name after individuals who have made an impact
      - Potential to renaming buildings
      - UNO represents a diverse pool of individuals and honoring legacy

New Business
- Bylaw Updates
  - Document being emailed
  - Bylaw updates – formatting changes; clarifications

Old Business
- SAC Elections
  - Accepting nominations for new staff members
  - Remodeled process this year to make simple as possible
- Officer Elections
  - New executive leaders – president-elect, vice president, chairs, etc.
  - More information to be shared soon
- Awards

Discussion
- UComm finding new ways to share stories and information – theme this month resilience
Ideas: reflection from staff and faculty to highlight positives out of 1 year of being remote

- Learned a lot about selves, what we can and cannot do. Take away – what will you keep from what you learned or gained during this process?
- Collecting short reflections from across campus
- By Monday, March 15th to Charley Steed – cdreed@unomaha.edu

Announcements

- Faculty Senate & Staff Banquet – April 22nd via Zoom
  - Chancellor will be live – involved in process
- March Strategic Planning Forum – today at 3 P.M.

For the Good of the Order

- List of volunteer opportunities to help around campus
  - Commencement
  - Community engagement committee
- Women’s basketball team competing today
- Baseball/Softball fields open

Adjourn – 10:04 A.M.