Task Force 1
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GBPAC 007

Today the committee started the discussion with review and feedback from the Academic Master Plan meeting with April Chatham-Carpenter and Nancy Cobb. There were a lot of issues brought up by the committee members of the Task Force regarding the timing of both the Master Plan and the Academic Plan. Several members mentioned that the timeline does not make sense by finishing the Master Plan before the Academic Plan. The members also asked where they, as the Community Partnership Task Force, belong regarding the findings – will the findings be thrown out in the end? Since the Academic Master Plan will not be finished before December, the outcome of the Task Force's final report in the Academic Master Plan won't be known until then. The committee agreed as a group that the Task Force still needs to make the rest of the meetings meaningful as well as the final product.

The group looked through the PowerPoint from the Midpoint Task Force lunch and identified commonalities between the Community Partnership Task Force and the other committees. The group also looked at the "Next Steps" slide to see how the committee should move forward. The group concluded that talking to the Academic Master Plan representatives did not help the Task Force move forward much in that respect. On the other hand, the representatives did mention that there should be experiential learning for every student on the UNI campus in the future, and that will need community partnerships. The Task Force will identify what those may look like, and incorporate that into the final report.

UNI does not have a "front door" person for the campus as a whole. People seeking answers look to authority to get where they need to go. This may start with the president's office, and then go down a long chain to get to the right person. If UNI had one central "doorway", getting the right information to outside entities would be easier for them and the campus.

Hillery provided the committee with a handout labeled, "Network of Academic Corporate Relations Officers (NACRO)". It identifies relationships with more touch points and planning pieces for campus relations. It was suggested to add a public to public area for a physical presence partnership into the handout as well.

The committee also discussed a joint program with an external partner and develop an academic program.

- How does UNI as a campus make one?
    - UNI has some joint programs already, like HPELS and the Waterloo Symphony Orchestra.
- There is no central place on campus that holds contracts for these types of partnerships.

Other universities in Iowa are increasing their relationships with outside programs and UNI should try to match such examples.

For the final report from the Task Force, the committee will use the PowerPoint from the Midpoint Lunch on February 10 and fill in more information as the meetings progress.

Phil mentioned that the committee will be informing the Academic Master Plan with existing and potential community partnerships.

- Academic Plan committee is not thinking externally or thinking visionary, and the Community Partnership Task Force has the opportunity to push them in that direction.

Meeting adjourned. Then next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 from 9:00 – 10:30 in GBPAC 007.