



University Planning Task Force Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2020 4:00 - 5:00 pm MT

Chancellor Update:

- July 15 will issue announcement to community on action plan for opening campus in the fall, in keeping with the date Chancellor promised to the community earlier in the spring.
- Email going to community is thorough, but full action plan is close to 70 pages long. The community email will link to the plan, and a link to FAQ's.
- There will be two Town Halls in July addressing the reopening: Town Hall for Faculty & Staff on July 16, Town Hall for Students & Families on July 21.
- Mary Clark starts as Provost on July 15.
- Announcement about new VC for Student Affairs will be made on July 20.
- Update on Searches:

VC for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- o Original search didn't yield candidates with skillset we are looking for.
- o Search committee has been reformed, co-chaired by Paul Chan and Michele Hanna.
- o Search firms expressed that our triad model (CLIE, HRIE, ODEI) was confusing to candidates.
- o Conversations Chancellor had with black faculty, staff, and students further solidified that we need to adjust our model to be more effective.
- o New position is a strong CDO model, based upon the recommendation for Damon Williams.
- o Looking for individual able to engage with all stakeholders, faculty experience, strong executive leadership.
- o We are dropping the "IC – inclusive excellence" from the VC for Student Affairs and VC for Human Resources titles;
- o However, the SAID and HRIC divisions are retaining the names.

VC for Student Affairs:

- o We have made a hire, will be announced on Monday, July 20.

VC for Information Technology:

- o Search committee has been formed, working with faculty senate on faculty representation.
- o Goal to have the search very far along by Don Harris's October retirement date.

Opportunity & Strategy Task Force (Chancellor Haefner)

- Committee has met twice, third meeting coming up on July 15.
- Group originally focused on eight areas for consideration, which have been narrowed down to two broad categories: Partnerships and Curriculum and Programs.
- Sent information to parents and students last Friday, which had a positive impact.
- We're currently at 1515 deposited students for fall quarter, with initial target of 1400. We know there will be melt, but this is a good sign.

Classroom modalities (Derigan Silver):

- Held registration Town Hall last week
- Classroom modalities and support group will continue to meet on a weekly basis (smaller group comprised of faculty, staff, and administrators).
- Revised fall 2020 schedule is now live and has assigned modality to all courses.
- Classrooms haven't yet been assigned but will be soon.
- As of now, 4% of undergraduate students are fully online. 43% of students have more than 50% of their courses online.
- Over the past weekend, there was a spike in students requesting to go fully online.
- Committee expects more students and faculty will continue to request going online as fall gets closer, especially given increase in cases.
- Over past week, 36 international students have requested to go fully online (up from only 2 students the week prior).
- All of UCOL will be online
- Students can start to make changes if desired on July 18.
- Fully online, Hybrid, Hyflex, In Person options.
- Office of Teaching & Learning working on how to implement provisions for how to implement technology and support for these platforms.
- Includes classroom assistance for hyflex, mentors and consultants, enhanced course & media production.
- Funds being held in reserve by Provost office for unforeseen issues, grants will be available to support as well.
- Plans for student support for online students
- Working with IT to train faculty and assign technological assistance.
- All classes can livestream or record content.
- All classes have camera and mic, but for hyflex there will be additional technological needs that committee is addressing.
- Prioritizing in-person classes for high-impact learning courses (FSEM)
- Majority of first time first year college student courses will be hybrid.

Healthcare Working Group (Gregg Kvistad)

- Chancellor asked Gregg Kvistad to take over chairing the group
- Tasked with two goals:
 - o Healthcare provider to partner with on health and safety issues
 - o Digital contact tracing solution
- Sent out RFI's to 6 providers

- Received responses from all
- Narrowed down through 14-point matrix
- Selected partnership with National Jewish hospital, have a MOU as we finalize details of the contract.
- NJH wants to focus on:
 - o Environmental controls
 - o Monitoring, testing, isolation, and contact tracing (with extensive experience in this area).
 - o Clinical expansion on campus for vaccination and testing.
 - o Interested in working with DU on research
 - o A strategic partnership with DU. They understand us and the complexity of our organization.
- Contact tracing:
 - o Looked at 21 vendors
 - o Met with 12
 - o Sent RFI's to 5
 - o Met with all, have narrowed to 2 finalists.
 - o Will meet with Chancellor to make decision later this week.
- The Chancellor plans to continue this group to provide oversight of the health safety and wellbeing on campus.
- Chancellor, Provost, and CFO will be the senior leadership to oversee the protocols.
- We will have two COVID coordinators to help with the work.
- Group holds daily calls.
- National Jewish will be our expert guidance, along with input from the federal and state government.
- Chancellor is very pleased with our partnership.
- Next University Planning Steering Committee meeting scheduled for June 15.

Adjourned at 5:04pm

Next meetings:

- Monday, August 3, 2020: 4:00 – 5:00 pm MT
- Monday, August 17, 2020: 4:00-5:00pm