

**Academic Affairs Council**  
Meeting Summary – October 7, 2008  
Boardrooms

**Present:** Virgil Agnew, Scott Anselm, Bridgid Backus, Sheri Billetter, Russ Burchard, Linda Carroll (guest), Margarita Casas, Sarah Chaney, Bruce Clemetsen, Dodi Coreson, Darci Dance, Jeff Davis, Pamela Dunn, Richard Gibbs, Denis Green, Beth Hogeland, Sharon Ketchum, Jan Konzack, Mary Ann Lammers, Janet Lodge, Cathy Lovingier, Elizabeth Lundy, Karin Magnuson, Ann Malosh, Dawn McNannay, Sally Moore, Steve Pearson, Jorry Rolfe, Gary Ruppert, Carol Schaafsma, Tom Smithburg, Linda Spain, Alice Sperling, Christy Stevens, Bill Thallemer, Mark Weiss, and Jerri Wolfe

**Absent:** Ann Adams, John Aikman, Jim Bell, Perry Carmichael, Rod Carter, Patsy Chester, Lynne Cox, Fred Haynes, Alan Heywood, Jim Huckestein, Kristen Jones, David Ketler, David Kidd/John Sweet, Wendy Krislen-Adams, Phil Krolick/Bryan Schiedler, Dan Lara, Faye Melius, John Niedermann, Audrey Perkins, Ron Sharman, Jenny Strooband, Gary Westford, and Jerry Wilson

**Welcome and Introductions:** The first meeting of the academic year was called to order by Richard Gibbs. Self-introductions were held. Copies of AAC membership list were distributed. Copies of 2008-09 Charter were available for those who wanted them. Sign-up for meeting refreshments was circulated.

**Strategic Plan & President's Retreat Review & Discussion:** Carol Schaafsma gave a brief overview of activities to date. In June there were three conversations with various college groups, and a lengthy list of ideas was generated. At an August meeting, a group of approximately 20 people came up with 15 initiatives to focus on. Because of economic uncertainties this year, the list was not narrowed further. In September a group of 50 people talked about the 15 initiatives. The summary distributed at today's AAC meeting reflects that discussion. She noted that departments/divisions may have talked about the 15 ideas at inservice or at a leadership team meeting, so the document may seem familiar to some. Deans are being asked to facilitate discussions in divisions that haven't already had them. A discussion will also be held with faculty across the institution. Feedback from all of the conversations should be brought back to the next AAC meeting. Rita, Jim, Bill, and Carol will gather the information and use it to prepare for a conversation with the Board in November.

Christy Stevens facilitated a discussion about *Learners*; Beth Hogeland, about *Community*; Linda Carroll, about *Enrollment*; and Richard Gibbs, about *Revenue*.

**Diversity Achievement Center:** Bill Thallemer shared his vision of the DAC. It is more than a multicultural center. DAC will also serve GED, correctional youth, veterans, and more. Part-time staff will help with outreach to the various populations. A forum to discuss the DAC is scheduled for Monday, 3 p.m., in F-104. This isn't a finished project, and he is looking for input. DAC will be a welcoming space—a place for students who need help to succeed.

**Finalization and Wrap-up:**

**Next AAC Meeting:** Tuesday, October 21, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Boardrooms.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.