The IT Strategic Planning Task Force (ITSPTF) was formed in September 2012, and was charged by President Jordan on October 8, 2012 with the task of “recommending a comprehensive shared governance model for IT services, and leading the development of an IT strategic plan that aligns with the MSU Denver Strategic Plan, A Time of Transformation, to include a recommendation for organizational structure”. Since then, the Task Force has met weekly in October, and collaborates regularly online through a Wiki.

After receiving the charge, the rest of the meeting was devoted to visualizing what IT Strategic Planning Process may look like, and then charting the work of the Task Force in the coming weeks and year. The Task Force took the first step in IT Strategic Audit by deciding to compile any and all documentation of past and current plans, policies, inventory of resources, business processes and issues, organizational structure, etc. IT representatives and other members on the Task Force have already compiled a great amount of information on these aspects and continue to add to it.

The second meeting on October 17th was devoted to discussion of the current structure of IT and other information; the formation of an Ad Hoc Shared Governance Subcommittee to deal with immediate and ongoing IT issues; and methodology for generating input to the IT Strategic Planning from a wide range of stakeholders. The Task Force discussed the processes of visualization, strategic planning and change. Next, the Task Force looked over and completed exercises for generating input from stakeholders into the strategic plan of IT.

In the third meeting, the Task Force reaffirmed the formation of a Subcommittee for Partnering on Ongoing IT issues. Dr. James Lyall, CIO, Mr. Rick Beck and Mr. Mike Hart as IT Directors will serve on the subcommittee. Dr. Aaron Gordon (SCOLAS), Dr. Jeff Helton (SPS) and Dr. Janos Fustos (SCOBS) volunteered to serve on this subcommittee. The subcommittee will be free to invite other individuals and constituencies to participate in its work. The rest of the meeting was devoted to conducting the Strategic Planning Exercises. This was a test of the exercises using the Task Force as a sample group. Results of the exercises will become part of the data generated through broader participation during implementation of the IT Strategic Planning process.

The Task Force has scheduled weekly meeting times through the end of Spring 2013. The Task Force intends to keep the MSU Denver community informed through regular Progress Reports. Members of MSU Denver community are welcome to direct their questions or comments at their representatives on the Task Force. Current Membership is given on the Task Force Membership page.

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