In attendance: Dr. Bill Eddleman, Chair; Dr. Frank Barrios; Dr. Debbie Below; Dr. Allen Gathman; Ms. Robin Grebing; Dave Wilde; Ex Officio: President Ken Dobbins, Provost Ron Rosati; Recorder: Diane O. Sides

Dr. Eddleman opened the meeting asking for reports from the subcommittees, especially in relation to the open forums.

Subcommittee on Student Services: Dr. Below reported on the questions and input received at the open forum. The subcommittee report on advising drew many comments. Dr. Below indicated that she is continuing to attend meetings of the advisors to discuss further some of the issues with the portion of the plan that outlines academic advising. She emphasized that although there were questions and concerns with the draft document, it had been shared with all those involved in the plan on several occasions in order to get input and recommendations. Portions of the recommendations in the report are already in the implementation stage. It was emphasized by Provost Rosati that there are no plans to downsize any of the advising operations – instead, with increasing enrollments and the possible loss of the Workforce Development counselors, there may be a need to hire additional advisors. The president is continuing to seek ways to be able to retain the Workforce Development advisors.

Dr. Below reported that the Scholarship subcommittee had completed its charge and several of the recommendations are being implemented.

Subcommittee on Demographics: Dr. Barrios reported there were additional comments and input on the veterans’ issues. One issue involves veterans who are taking online classes and policies regarding active duty assignments. Ms. Grebing will investigate how other colleges and universities are handling this situation.

Subcommittee on Technology: Mr. Wilde reported on additional questions and comments and there was an in depth conversation on a possible recommendation to have students bring to campus their own computer devices and what type of services would be needed if that became a requirement.

In Dr. Scott’s absence, Dr. Eddleman reminded the committee of the last open forum:

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noon, Wednesday, March 28
Glenn Auditorium

Draft reports are due to Dr. Eddleman no later than Wednesday, April 4, 2012. The Steering Committee will meet Monday, April 9, 2012. Additionally, the Steering Committee was invited by President Dobbins to Executive Staff meeting at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 16, in Dempster Room 102, for a joint meeting. The Steering Committee will present their reports to Administrative Council on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane O. Sides