Members Present: Ricardo Alfaro (representing D. J. Trela), Bob Barnett, David Gordon, Vahid Lotfi and Chris Waters

Guests: Jonathan Jarosz, Director/University Outreach
Leyla Sanker, Project Coordinator/University Outreach

Gerard called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

City’s Master Plan – Leyla disseminated handouts, “City of Flint Master Plan” and “Frequently Asked Questions” for the deans’ review and information. Jonathan indicated that following the meeting that the deans had with Mayor Walling, Jonathan wanted to provide them an update regarding the City’s Master Plan and also discuss the possible role that our campus can play within the Advisory Groups. He said that he would like the deans’ input regarding how best to contact faculty and/or encourage participation.

Leyla provided a brief overview of the reporting structure and explained that she has been meeting regularly with the City’s Steering Committee who reports to the Planning Commission (the group that would ultimately make decisions on the content of the Master Plan). She indicated that they are in the first phase of the Plan of gathering information and community outreach. The Steering Committee is in the process of developing Advisory Groups who will be charged with gathering community feedback and reviewing Master Plan documents related to core components and report back to the Steering Committee with their recommendations. There will be six Advisory Groups: Housing; Economic Development and Education; Transportation and Mobility; Natural Resources; Open Space and Conservation; Public Infrastructure and Community Facilities; and Public Safety, Health and Welfare; however, some of them may be split up even more. She explained that the Advisory Groups would be comprised of 7-20 members, with two-thirds city residents and one-third people of interest and/or expertise. Interest will be generated through Intake Forms followed by a more thorough application.

Deans expressed an interest in having faculty involved and also wanted to include staff as well. After discussion, a decision was made for Jonathan to draft an email, as the first phase of contact, for each dean to send to their faculty and staff with the idea of making a personal appeal for participation. The message will ask those who volunteer to make their dean aware of their interest and the deans will pass this on to Jonathan.

Approval of Minutes – The Deans approved the Minutes of May 10, 2012, as amended.
**Beecher Initiative**  
Gerard indicated that he, Bob, and Jonathan have been working to develop a local community partnership with Beecher High School and, in fact, last week an official signing ceremony press conference took place setting the partnership in place. We will have a physical presence in the high school with five offices and two classrooms. He explained that the next phase is to start developing an overall philosophy and decide what programming needs should be included first. Gerard said that this partnership will be like a small satellite. He indicated that programming will begin with workshops for parents and students and stressed that it is crucial to get parents on board as a support structure. Bob indicated that we also need to establish an internal team to engage faculty and administration.

Gerard indicated that there is a real need at Beecher and considering other partnerships that we have developed outside of Genesee County that it was important for us to be involved in one in our local community, especially since this is an underserved population. He said that Beecher has been very eager and receptive to this partnership. Much discussion took place; however, the consensus was that we should be involved for many reasons, including being a civic engagement outreach to the Flint community which will in turn reinforce our Carnegie status. Gerard indicated that plans would include for the deans to meet with Beecher in the near future.

**Reverse Transfers**  
Chris reported that legislation has passed that tells us what we need to do as a university regarding reverse transfers. She indicated that the legislation mandates public universities to secure three signed articulation agreements with community colleges ensuring that we will inform our transfer students that credit can be transferred back to their community college for a possible associates degree with their community college retroactively. Chris provided a draft articulation/transfer agreement that will probably be offered to our largest feeder community colleges: Mott, Community College, St. Clair County Community College, and Lansing Community College. She also explained that we have to develop some trigger points of when we notify our students and make the offer to transfer credit. Discussion ensued.

**CAS Policy Regarding Reassigned Time**  
Ricardo explained that this year CAS reviewed reassigned time in terms of salary cost and developed a CAS Policy on Compensation for Reassigned Time *(handout provided)* which basically requires that reassigned time be paid at a rate of 1/9 of the faculty member’s salary being reassigned. Ricardo provided the deans an overview of the figures. The general feeling was that the new policy would create a negative consequence for the college faculty. A suggestion was made to perhaps use a modified formula of, for example, 1/9 of a Lecturer III’s salary plus 25%. Much discussion took place. A decision was made to table the agenda item until the next meeting when D.J. can be present; Ricardo was also invited to attend as well.

**Matters Arising – Utica Initiative**  
Gerard reported that along with Bob and Jonathan, they have been working closely with the Utica Schools regarding a partnership with them. He indicated that Utica has a closed elementary school of 5,500 square feet which is in great shape and we have an opportunity to use this building as a possible satellite site. He feels that collaboration of this type may serve as a funnel for all of Macomb County. Utica is extremely eager to develop the partnership and have UM-Flint present on their school campus. The Superintendent committed to help remove any obstacles in developing the partnership. Bob has been developing the program and Jonathan is handling the negotiations. Plans will include moving forward incrementally.

**Matters Arising – Proposed Meetings**  
Gerard indicated that he would like to schedule a meeting with the deans and Major Gift Officers as a group to focus on the Capital Campaign and also to discuss donors in general.

In addition, Gerard asked if the Deans would be willing to meet with the Beecher group and Utica group regarding moving forward with those initiatives. The Deans were very receptive to meeting regarding all three initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.