Members present: Jo Ann Rooney, Margaret Callahan, Pam Costas, Lorraine Fitzgerald, Kana Henning, Tom Kelly, Wayne Magdziarz, Susan Malisch, Rob Munson, Jane Neufeld, Jamie Orsini, John Pelissero, Jim Prehn, S.J., Kelly Shannon and Winifred Williams

Absent: Phil Hale

1. Jo Ann Rooney opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Winifred Williams offered a prayer.

2. The minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Tom Kelly reviewed the Board of Trustees committee and full board meetings with the Cabinet. Dr. Rooney indicated that she would like the HSD to be on the agenda at the next BOT orientation meeting. The Cabinet discussed the challenge of scheduling the many committee meetings as well as the need to do a better job securing the right size meeting rooms for committee meetings, but beyond that, feedback on the two days was positive.

4. Rob Munson reviewed chapters 1-4 of “How to Read a Financial Report” by John and Tage Tracy. He then walked the Cabinet through a detailed review of our FY15 and FY16 audited financial statements.

5. Rob detailed financial aid disbursement information with the Cabinet. It was determined that it would be worthwhile to invite Paul Roberts to the next BRT meeting to discuss this information.

6. Jamie Orsini presented figures on the “Access to Excellence” campaign for student scholarships. Fundraising for this campaign has outpaced scholarship fundraising during the “Partner” comprehensive campaign. To date we are about $2.7M short of our goal, and Jamie shared that our stewardship efforts as well as the newly-implemented AcademicWorks system will help us reach our goal by the June 30, 2020 campaign deadline.

7. Kelly Shannon distributed a document on awareness and promotion of our “Respect the Conversation” guidelines. Kelly asked that feedback on this document be sent to her. UMC will develop a list of opportunities where the “Respect the Conversation” document can be shared physically on campus as well as woven into communications, speeches, etc.


The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.