In Attendance:
Cathy Archer
Danielle Balmer
Dan Burcham
Bob Eastley
Dave Eisler
Fritz Erickson
Don Green
Kim Hancock
Dorothy Hart
Jackie Hughes
Mike Hughes
Leonard Johnson

Michelle Johnston
Brooke McComb
Kristen Motz
David Pilgrim
Miles Postema
Jerry Scoby
Mischelle Stone
Nate Tymes
Deb Tyson
John Urbanick
Helen Woodman
Leroy Wright

Guests:
Jake Herron, Jonathan Jaeger, Dave Nicol, Wendy Samuels, Mark Schuelke, Linda Telfer, Ali Witucki, Matt Wagenheim

I. Action
Introduction of new member and guests
Chair Johnson welcomed Deb Tyson as a new member and greeted today’s guests.

Approval of the 11/8/11 meeting notes.
SPARC members approved the November 8, 2011 meeting summary.

IT Plan survey
Chair Johnson reminded SPARC members to share their opinions on the online IT survey.

II. University Center – presentation/discussion
Chair Leonard Johnson introduced VP Dan Burcham, co-chair of the University Center Visioning Committee, who shared survey results/analysis, Executive Summary from the consultant group, and a Powerpoint presentation (all attached) regarding the planning for a University Center.

Discussion involved a building needs assessment, focus group and survey analysis, priority order of space needs, architectural needs and quality, target markets, location, and program recommendations. Specific comments were made regarding a need for a computer/info center with large tables and monitors, maybe include a gaming room with card access; 300-500 person auditorium/ballroom; meeting/study/engagement/social spaces for students and RSOs (with consideration of the “prairie dog” syndrome – space should be divided for privacy but students can still be seen when desired); lounge/lockers for commuting students; maintaining historical spaces/naming; postal station, copy center, coffee shop, and other
vendor spaces; facilities for student (and other) conferences; and open, bright and inviting atrium-style space to bring people in and showcase activities.

The Visioning Report next goes through a program planning process; professional services will determine if there is need for new construction, renovation of the current facility, or some combination.

III. Open Forum

President Eisler thanked Chair Leonard Johnson for serving two years of leading SPARC and announced that he has agreed to continue as Chair for another year. All members responded positively and shared their thanks.

Next meeting date:
Tuesday, January 17, 3-5pm at WCCC
Discussion topic: Higher Learning Commission Report

Adjourned 4:15pm
Submitted by Elaine R. Kamptner