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School of Nursing Faculty and Staff:

Last week I announced the creation of a UW Steering Committee to oversee the improvement of work processes, focusing on budget, work processes, compliance, strategic planning, grants administration, governance, and work climate for the School of Nursing. Today Phyllis and I want to announce who will serve on that committee and their immediate goals.

Their charge letter is attached.

The UW Steering Committee will be chaired by Edwina Uehara, Dean, School of Social Work. Serving on the Committee will be: Ann Anderson, Associate Vice President and Controller, Financial Management, Finance and Facilities; Cheryl Cameron, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel; Dave Eaton, Interim Vice Provost for Research; Amy Floit, Director of Budget Operations, Office of Planning and Budgeting; Ruth Johnston, Associate Vice President, Finance and Facilities; Tom Sparks, Financial Administrator, College of Engineering; David Szatmary, Vice Provost for UW Educational Outreach; Kelli Trosvig, Interim Vice President and Vice Provost, UW Information Technology. The Committee members were chosen due to nature of the organizations they lead and relevance to the School, their leadership abilities, and also for their UW wide perspectives and knowledge of best practices.

The Steering Committee will meet with MacDonald Boyd consultants next week, to learn of the assessment results and recommendations. After that meeting, the Steering Committee will determine, with School input, work groups to be chartered to address the recommendations. The School will populate and lead these work groups, in addition to any other relevant UW staff. Participation will be requested via an email for this summer's work, yet also allowing for faculty to join in the groups after they return in the Fall. Facilitation will be provided for these groups.

A School of Nursing Coordinating Team will be created, comprised of the work group leads, faculty leadership, and administration. The team will monitor the work of the groups, identify overlaps and synergies, and be charged with frequent School-wide communications. This Coordinating Team, led by Ruth Johnston, Special Assistant to the Provost and Associate Vice President in Finance & Facilities, will begin as soon as the work groups are identified and populated, no later than the end of July.

At the same time, the budget initiatives will move forward, led by Marla and faculty leadership. Most of these activities will intersect with the work described above and all efforts will be coordinated and aligned together.

We are aware of the challenges to this work, and how Summer Quarter inhibits some faculty from participating. The Steering Committee will be careful to assure opportunity for all, understanding that work must begin immediately.

Questions about the process, the work, participation, etc. may be directed to Ruth. She can be contacted at ruthj@uw.edu or by phone at 685-9838.

Thank you,

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