September 16 Main Street Committee minutes

At the start, after some informal discussion.... Steve McKelvey to speak with David Anderson about lack of committee membership from the Humanities faculty

Last meeting's minutes.... Corrections to last meeting minutes: Steve McKelvey will not be attending the St. Olaf on the Road event in New York City

The committee approved the minutes as amended

Upcoming public sessions..... Nathan Soland, Roz Eaton-Neeb and Steve McKelvey led a robust discussion around the upcoming public discussions. The committee reviewed plans for the feedback session.

Regarding student input and engagement.... Roz Eaton-Neeb and Samantha (Sam) Sickbert led a discussion centered around student input into the Main Street Project. There was extensive discussion about how much information would ideally be provided to students at this stage in the project. Discussion ensured about our perceptions of how distracted or overwhelmed students would be by the current slate of documents.

Discussion then focused on using SGA as the appropriate receptacle for the objectives document.

Paula Carlson was to follow up with President Anderson with respect to the letter to the community and the appropriate sequence.

Alumni engagement..... Nathan Soland started a conversation about alumni involvement in the project. He shared some specifics with the St. Olaf on the Road programs and where David Anderson would likely introduce and lead a discussion on the Main Street Project.

Much discussion and conversation ensued about the appropriate level of involvement and engagement our alumni population should have at this stage in the project. Do we go to alums for assistance or not? What contributions are we asking them to make? No consensus on those broader questions emerged, but there was general agreement that alums should be involved and engaged in the project, but how to get them involved, and when, was left to be resolved at a future meeting.

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