

## Strategic Planning and Budgeting Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 12, 2020

3:00-5:00 pm

Northern Center, Peninsula II

### Agenda/Topic: Coronavirus/Influenza Planning

#### ❖ Presenters:

- *Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick* -- what we're learning about COVID-19 (new update from CDC) and how the Health Center is dealing with COVID-19/influenza
- *Mike Bath and Cindy Paavola*, co-directors of the NMU Emergency Planning Team -- what NMU has been doing in planning

Emergency planning in specific areas:

- *Jeff Korpi*, director of Housing, and *Chris Greer*, dean of students -- meeting student needs
- *Kathy Richards and Brandon Sager* -- cleaning the facilities
- *Matt Smock and Chris Lewis* -- technology to go online

- *President Fritz Erickson* -- decisions made and questions/situations being considered

#### ❖ Exercise questions:

Northern has currently suspended non-essential university-sponsored AIR travel. What issues does this cause on campus that may not have been considered? What is your group's recommendation regarding air and ship travel in light of the CDC recommendations? Although not a recommendation of the CDC at this time, what factors should be present in the COVID-19 outbreak to warrant suspending all university-related travel, including motor vehicle? What should be the exceptions and what factors should they be based on?

The CDC has not made a recommendation yet that universities cancel large-group events, although some institutions in high rate outbreak areas have done so. Considering your own personal wellbeing and that of our students, faculty and staff, what factors should be present to warrant suspending all large-group activities? This would include everything from course lectures in NMU's largest classrooms to music concerts, Forest Roberts Theatre plays, campus presentations/lectures, home athletic events to all rented facility events over 150 participants (events at the Northern Center, events renting the Berry Events Center/Vandament or the Superior Dome, summer youth programs) to commencement and orientation.

Thinking of your respective units of campus, what are things your area should/is doing in the way of emergency planning in light of the COVID-19 outbreak? What are issues that the administration may not have thought of regarding your area's work and/or employees? What would be the best plan for your unit to remain operational until the end of the semester if you lost 25-30% of your staff to being ill with COVID-19 within the next few weeks?

What are your suggestions to the administration and coronavirus/influenza emergency work group regarding how to balance preparing for worst-case scenarios, providing necessary information and not causing unnecessary fear or even panic?

#### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, April 9, 2020 from 3:00-5:00