## UCR Advisory Council
### March 6, 2013

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<td>Welcome and Announcements - Sam Ellis</td>
<td>Thanked everyone that was able to attend the Presidential Candidate Community Forums.</td>
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<td>New Members Recommendations</td>
<td>Distributed the recommended new members to replace existing members’ completing terms. Sam will meet with the new members this summer to orient them to the Advisory Council.</td>
<td>Sam will contact the new members.</td>
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<td>Presentation: CTECH and STEM Village - RCTC: Jim Gross, Steve Schmall, and WSU-R: Craig Johnson</td>
<td>The project has been a 10+ year vision. It will be an applied learning environment, and not the traditional lecture model expected in a high school. Shared structural plan, which includes a curriculum team and community advisory network. Anticipate occupancy of the building to be Fall of 2015. Some of the programs being considered include Health Science Careers, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, Construction, and Welding. They are going to align with workforce needs and those that are a good fit with RCTC programs. Similar models currently exists (Anoka STEP, IBM P-Tech, St Cloud’s TECH high school and Project Lead the Way). The STEM component is still evolving, but would like to frame it as a CTECH and STEM Village, a clustering of endeavors into one village. It came out of the revamping of WSU’s Education Program, and modeled after the Science House at the Science Museum of Minnesota. It will be a place for educators to come together to talk and share resources. RAMSP will be a key partner for the STEM component. WSU hopes that the initiative will generate new programs, add growth in Rochester, and create a stronger partnership with RCTC and the community. The total project cost is expected to be $6.5 million for a 20,000 square feet facility. The details aren’t known yet because form will follow function.</td>
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**Comment:** Several members shared their appreciation that the vision is coming to reality. The design of a building can be a key factor in instruction.

**Question:** Do you see a new hiring process for staffing the building? Although it is owned by MnSCU/RCTC, it will be staffed by RPS. STEM component still unclear, but may have graduate internships help staff the resource materials. Suggested GIP candidates be used. RAMSP may be housed there, but no final plans yet. Also plan to have Health Career Center return to Heintz Center and be part of CTECH.
Comment: Mayo Clinic has followed up with Health Career students and knows the hands-on applied learning programs make a difference in impacting college learning.

Question: How will the Community Advisory Network brings non-Mayo representation to the table? During this initial stage, the group is brainstorming ideas and selecting programs, but as the framework fills in, and internship/mentor programs begin, then it will go to a new level and the community involvement will grow. The group wants to align educational opportunities with the workforce needs of the region. The Chamber is also interacting with the school district through the Rochester Promise and needs to consider what that will mean. For now, the biggest focus is identifying the right program mix.

Question: How are you blurring the lines? The group is optimistic and just at the beginning stages of bringing everyone together to discuss how it connects up. The faculty are ready to engage. The operating budget mechanisms are being worked out, but the desire is to have a seamless process through a collaborative approach.

Question: Will there be enough funding to get done what you want? Everyone is committed to make sure there is funding. STEM hopes to have it part of membership fees and grants.

Comment: The WorkForce Center will be at Heintz Center and will also have resources; hence the creation of a one-stop-shop.

Comment: Olmsted Medical Center (Hospital) will also be under construction, so a lot of activity at Heintz Center. Need to remember OMC is growing with PCAs and Care Assistants; hence another resource available for the students.

Next Meeting – April 3, 2013
WSU President Scott Olson will be our guest to share information on how the Advisory Council can serve WSU in Rochester.

Anyone with questions they’d like to share with President Olson prior to April may do so through Ellis or Kingsbury.

Next Meeting:
April 3, 2013 – 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – CF206
Guest – WSU President Scott Olson