June Implementation Updates

1A(1 & 2): KU Core

No update received.

1A(3): e-Portfolios

The e-portfolio committee held its final meeting of the semester and discussed the recommendations for and content of the final report. The report will be submitted to the Senior Vice Provost in mid-summer with a recommendation on how e-portfolios could be used at KU and for an e-portfolio vendor.

1B(1): Undergraduate Recruitment

DOMESTIC RECRUITMENT
Recruitment: *strengthen pipeline through more aggressive funnel management (FYR/TR)*

- Meetings about Admissions Become a Jayhawk publication
- Super Saturday visit program for 6th-8th graders
- Planning meeting about legacy recruitment

Retention Management: *increase first-year rate to 90%, six-year graduation to 70%*

- Preliminary Retention Rate Tracking (FYR and TR)
- Recruit-Back Planning

Technology: *establish systems and structures necessary to achieve enrollment results*

- No current updates

Yield Management: *solidify/improve yield rate from admit to enrolled*

- Emails continued to freshmen who have paid and not signed up for orientation.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT
Recruitment: *enhance Unit's planning and accountability*

- Publication and dissemination of International Recruitment and Undergraduate Admissions' first Strategic Operating Plan for FY 2014. Individual work plans for each area are currently in development.
- The new unified web site for KU Admissions (domestic and international combined), is nearly complete with a June 15th go-live date. IRUA is currently building the international-specific content on application processes, scholarships, cost of attendance, and contact information.
- IRUA's web and social media presence abroad has been enhanced through our strategic partnership with Zinch China. We now have a China website for KU, as well as a KU presence on common social media outlets like Wiebo and search engines.

<u>International Partnerships</u>: *establish collaborations and articulation agreements*

- Conversations have been started with Pharmacy on the development of a new consortium of institutions in the U.S. and E.U. for research scholar, faculty, and graduate exchange. Initial efforts will focus on leveraging grant funding and enhancing individual mobility. The longer term hope is to develop possible articulation agreements with Pharmacy programs in the E.U.

<u>Visiting Student Programs</u>: *develop and implement*

- Will be visiting with KU's current sponsoring agencies and several of our visiting student program institutional partners at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference in St. Louis this May. Discussions will focus on service and participant expansion and the identification of new partners and sponsors.

<u>Traditional Recruitment Activities</u>: *increase and diversify investments*

- KU has purchased its first batch of TOEFL data for uploading into the Hobson's CRM. Over 4,200 names are now getting added to the CRM in areas of strategic focus of IRUA (South America, Middle East, Southeast Asia, and China).
- Information sessions, yield events, and alumni gatherings have been scheduled for five cities in China for June/July. KU will visit Shanghai, Beijing, Wuhan, Chengdu, and Guangzhou – all major feeder cities for KU.
- High school visits, alumni gatherings, and information sessions have been scheduled for July and August in India. KU will visit the following cities: Delhi, Pune, Coimbatore, and Bangalore.

1B(2): Community College Partnerships

- Meeting scheduled for KU CORE community college advisor training team to discuss content and timeline.
- Reverse transfer agreement revised.
- Transfer credit appeals process in the process of being revised to reflect changes with the KU CORE.
- Provided recommendations to UCCC regarding review of future transfer courses that may meet goals and outcomes of the KU CORE.
- CredTran now reflects KU CORE goals and outcomes fulfilled by non-equivalent transfer courses.
- Investigating new features from College Source that allow for date stamps in transfer equivalency database.
- Continue to experience issues related to technology resources. If not workable, will find something else.
- Future plans include:
  - Firming up plans for community college advisor training.
  - Update KU CORE Website to provide more information to transfers.
  - Web presence for TAPC.

> o Lists of non-equivalent course to TAPC members to distribute amongst their departmemnts to create more direct equivalencies.

1B(3 & 4): Advising

- Advising dashboard in Tableu has been developed and shared with the UAC leadership team ahead of schedule, courtesy of Dr. David Mannering. It is anticipated that a modification will be made to include MySuccess early warning flags as an identifier. In sum, this tool would provide a centralized location for advisors to easily identify and communicate with specific student groups, and/or, individual students who exhibit concerning academic behavior.
- Hardware acquired to allow for expanded accessibility to academic advising resources. UAC workgroup is in progress to develop strategy for this functionality, while plans have been developed to allow for an option to be created in the MySuccess (Connect) online appointment scheduler for students to choose an online advising option (via webcam technology).
- Mobile technology acquired for UAC staff (iPad hardware), as it provides all academic advisors with opportunities to more effectively assist students at orientation in small group advising and schedule building sessions. As computers are not generally available during these moments, this allows for advisors to reference the KU Core website for a comprehensive list of approved courses, in addition to the schedule of classes and catalog policies. With desire to reduce paper usage at orientation, it is expected this will provide for such possibility.
- Proposed plans developed with collaboration with Student Academic Services (CLAS) and Academic and Career Counseling (Student-Athletics) have been submitted, respectively, to help achieve a more strategic use of registration holds and student-athlete advising processes.
- Future plans:
  - o Finalizing online advisor assignment student groups (through Campus Solutions) upon conclusion of new student orientation in July.
  - o With advising training completed for Peer Advisors, training with SIS staff for use of advising tool will be scheduled following conclusion of orientation in July. This will allow for expanded advising services provided to students beginning in Fall 2013.
  - o Commencement of discussion with various academic units regarding use of co-curricular degree maps, such as those illustrated during visit by Education Advisory Board [Matt Pellish] during visit with KU academic advising community in May.
  - o Implementation of student self-service online appointment scheduling through MySuccess (Connect), transitioning from scheduling appointments by phone.
  - o Establishing protocols for implementing academic advising service in student housing units.
  - o Expected completion of imaging and linking all existing hard copy student records to online advising tool by late early August (UAC advisor access only).
  - o Commencement of small pilot initiative for students placed on academic probation. The program is intended to provide more effective advising through increased self-reflection on the part of the student, accomplishing this through a more 'user-friendly' approach.
  - o Continued research and potential implementation with Tableu dashboard software.

1C(1, 2, & 3): First Year Experience

Most efforts in FYE have been focused on the launch of orientation and implementation of the KU Core:

- KU Core talking points have been developed and shared with the College and professional schools to provide a common framework for introducing the KU Core to new students and their families.
- All orientation and advising professional staff and student staff have completed training on the KU Core.
- All orientation presenters were asked to attend one of two presentations with Tim Caboni on university messaging and ways to engage new students and families.
- We have developed a new orientation welcome slideshow with MarComm that highlights academic programs, experiential learning, and campus involvement.
- New students are receiving advance communications about First-Year Seminars, learning communities, and PRE 101
- We have hired a new associate director for orientation. This individual will start July 8th.

We have started to implement recommendations from the PRE 101 workgroup:

- Instructors were selected by an application and review process.
- Instructor training has started. Instructors are reviewing best practice assignments to promote critical reading and thinking using the KU Common Book.
- Instructors are participating in Strengths training.

KU Common Book:

- Resource materials for students and faculty have been added to the website.
- The KU Common Book committee is working on mini-grant applications for the Kansas Humanities Council to support programming.
- The book selection process is underway for Fall 2014.

Other:

The CTE teaching summit will include sessions on FYE initiatives, teaching critical thinking in First-Year Seminars, and ways faculty are using the KU Common Book.

Future Plans:

- Development of online orientation modules for freshman students.
- Revise and enhance the online orientation module for transfer students.
- Develop an online or hybrid version of PRE 101.

1D(1 & 2): Experiential Learning

The Collaborative for Experiential Learning met with the University Honors Program to discuss experiential learning within the Honors Program. Drs. Mike Vitevitch and Anne Dotter attended the meeting to brief the Collaborative on current and future practices within the University Honors Program. The Honors Program is shifting their requirement to encourage students to complete more educational experiences and we wanted to discuss how this would impact their current course offerings, student programming and partnerships with the Collaborative units.

Future Plans:

- The Collaborative will meet over the Summer months to draft goals, targets and strategic efforts to meet these targets and goals.
- Collaborative members will meet with staff from Student Affairs and from UCCC chairs (outgoing and incoming) in July.
- These goals will include a communication plan to the KU community defining experiential learning and how to incorporate existing efforts into the new curriculum.
- The Collaborative will be updating content on two different web pages: experience.ku.edu and the educational experiences section of the KU Core website.
- Explicitly identify paths for students to move from First Year Experiences to experiential learning opportunities.
- Finally, the Collaborative will be forming a faculty advisory board in the coming months to advise the Collaborative on its efforts to engage faculty.

1E(1 & 2): Active Learning and Course Redesign

No new content to report.

2A(1, 2, & 3); 2B(1 & 2); 2C(1 & 2); 2D(1 &2): Elevating Doctoral Education

The implementation committee has completed its draft of the implementation plan; it was submitted to the Provost on May 13.

Dean of Graduate Studies met for two 1.5-hour sessions with Vice Chancellor Warren and Senior Vice Provost Rosen to plan out:

1. The publication of the implementation plan for BA_G2
2. Further details of implementation, especially for AY2013-2014

Graduate Studies has also continued with several implementation activities:

1) Purchased licenses for *Tableau*, a software product that will immensely enhance the abilities of Graduate Studies to make publically accessible the data mandated in *Bold Aspirations, Goal 2*.

2) Working with the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, Graduate Studies corrected minor errors and data reporting formats in one or two of the Doctoral Program Profiles of all doctoral programs it released to its website for public access.
3) Graduate Studies has continued development of regular admission and matriculation reports to be shared with programs and schools/College on a regular basis.
4) The Dean and Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies met with the Director and Staff of CTE to discuss linkages between CTE and GS on Bold Aspirations Initiatives
5) The Dean and Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies met with Tim Caboni, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, to discuss linkages between Public Affairs and GS on Bold Aspirations Initiatives
6) The Dean and Director of Graduate Enrollment in Graduate Studies participated in inaugural meeting of new KU Recruitment Collaborative (graduate recruitment is major thrust in BA_G2).

Once we have the budget affirmed by the Provost, Graduate will being hiring searches for a Faculty Fellow (already approved and confirmed by Sara Rosen) and a Programming Coordinator/ Communications Coordinator. The latter is a continuation of the evaluation in Graduate Studies of ways to reallocate limited staff resources to allow for planning and implementation of faculty workshops and website resources that have been recommended by the Implementation Committee while maintaining the current level of programming for students. Graduates Studies will also continue planning the fall schedule of student and faculty workshops and the scheduling of meetings with all graduate programs/departments. That scheduling has already begun in earnest.

3A(1 & 2); 3B(1, 2, &3); 3C(1 & 2): Strategic Initiative Themes and PRO

- Four joint appointments have been processed for fall 2013 start dates. Units involved are Philosophy/Law, Special Education/Life Span Institute, Special Education/Center for Research on Learning, Psychology & Research in Education/Achievement & Assessment Institute, and Psychology/Pediatrics (KUMC).
- New faculty class of 2013-2014 includes 51 assistant professors, 8 associate professors, 1 full professor, 1 dean/professor, 1 distinguished professor.
- Two faculty members were awarded Docking Scholar status. Other faculty members were recognized with Scholarly Achievement and Leading Light research awards again this year. Other awards distributed included Big XII Fellowships, Keeler Intra-University Professor, and university distinguished teaching awards.
- Next, there are plans to work on a program to encourage nominations of KU faculty members for prestigious national awards.

3C(3): External Review Policy

Beginning stages of research of new KBOR program review policy. Discussed the need to review what CLAS did during their external review process to see what we can learn. Next steps include working on the frame work of the review process this summer for a task force to review in the fall.

4A(1, 2, & 3); 4B(1, 2, & 3)

A small visioning committee began meeting this past fall to plan a path forward for how community engaged scholarship at KU. The group has finalized a proposal for an Alliance for Community Engaged

Scholarship that will validate and recognize the community engaged scholarship that has been taking place across campus for many years. The proposal has been submitted to the provost and awaits his response.

In the meantime, a small group will work together to make improvements to the "community" tab of the KU homepage. This will be the first step in recognizing engaged scholarship, among other engagement activities.

4C(1, 2, 3, & 4): Commercialization & Entrepreneurship

4C(1): Entrepreneur in Resident program scheduled. First session scheduled for July to feature Roy Chin, KU Engineering alum and medical device entrepreneur. Met with Dr. Paul Arnold to strategize a TED like conference inviting KU engineers, KUMC surgeons and orthopedics physicians, and high level company representatives. Target date is Fall 2013.

4C(2): Marketing training for technology transfer staff held May 16-17. SBIR grant training planned for Fall 2013. Developing a plan to engage humanities and the biodiversity institute in commercialization of content therein.

4C(3): The CRM development project launched. Phase I complete Aug 5. Interviewed candidates for Assistant Director of Corporate Partnerships, School of Business. Faculty communication plan for industry portal services included Molecular Bioscience Department and Higuchi Bioscience Center. Three company visits in May 2013. KU to Company program visit targeted for early August to the Bay area to include Perry Alexander and Jeff Vitter.

4C(4): Inaugural Innovation Fair was held April 30th. Julie G and Julie N collaborating to teach Freshman honors seminar focused on design patents. The final project will be a poster. This will drive the undergraduate participating in the Innovation Fair.

We will continue to develop both our web site and the CRM system for late summer launch. Additionally we will continue to focus on marketing KU technologies. Develop the Content Commercialization program to enable commercialization of work in School of Art, museums, and the BI.

5A (1 & 2): Removing Hiring Barriers

FROM BA UPDATES:

5A(1):The new recruitment software, Kenexa, was implemented on June 1, 2013 for phase 1. The phase 1 implementation was for faculty job openings. There were four job openings initially loaded into the new system. There have been several applicants, none reporting any issues. There are ongoing meetings for phase 2 implementation in approximately 6 months. This will allow for new offer letters to be send electronically to the candidates and for electronic acceptance.

5A(2): Hiring for excellence reports have been received for new tenure and tenure-track faculty hires for the 2013-2014 academic year.

5A(3): Over the past academic year the campus was host to 17 distinguished visitors, including one Nobel prize recipient, who presented university lectures and met with faculty, students, and administrators as part of the Bold Aspirations Visitor and Lecture Series. In addition, approximately 30 KU faculty members presented university lectures or symposia on the strategic research initiative themes.

FROM CFE UPDATES:

Hiring and Recruiting: *streamline processes and increase HR workflow implementation*

- Configuration, testing, and communication completed for Phase I.

Job Descriptions: *standardize descriptions and create KUL/KUEC salary bands*

- Updates provided to governance.
- Preliminary review continues.

Performance Management: *redesign and implement improved processes*

- RFP developed and posted.

5B (1 & 2): Learning and Development Training

Staff Learning & Development Council continued work on implementing a strategic communication plan to connect staff to the various learning opportunities available across campus. A council meeting was held June 20 to brainstorm content ideas for periodic communication updates to be released according to the communication plan.

Staff Fellows Program assessment report was obtained for the Staff Fellows program as a whole following the conclusion of this year's cohort. Results are currently being reviewed by program coordinators and will be shared with the full advisory group by end of June. Program assessment will inform curriculum development for next year.

- o Applications are currently being accepted with an application deadline of July 10.
- o Todd Lewis (formerly of the KU Wichita campus) will come to campus July 26 to explore strengths-based approaches in the workplace with alumni of the Staff Fellows program. Other alumni events are under consideration.

Senior Administrative Fellows: A new cohort of ten fellows has been accepted and meeting schedules for next academic year are being finalized.

Faculty Fellow: Mary Lee Hummert is exploring opportunities with one of the new SAF fellows to assist with foundation professorships or supporting departments in submitting nominations for national academies and awards.

Chairs Roundtables and Workshops: Selected books are being purchased as resources for all chairs in the College and professional schools. One of the books has already been distributed to all chairs that participated in Mary Lou Higgerson's workshop on delivering difficult performance evaluations and feedback to faculty. The remaining books will be distributed in the fall.

NEXT STEPS:

PM/LM System:

- Moving forward with RFP for both performance and learning management solutions.
- Next steps include review of proposals, vendor demos, evaluation and recommendations to leadership team.
- Vendor demos will be scheduled in July with final selection anticipated the first week of August.
- **Mental Health First Aid Workshop:** Plans are being developed to bring this much requested, national training program to campus this summer. It will be sponsored by HR and hosted by the Staff Learning and Development Council. The dates for this training have been set for **August 1 & 2, 2013** and will be announced in the HR Quarterly newsletter and listed on both the HR and SLDC websites.

Learning and Development: Next steps include implementing some pieces of the proposed master plan that do not require funding.

- Formation of Campus Learning & Development Partners group to begin work on developing track and certificate programs.
- Training in goal development and accountability for all FS managers and supervisors is scheduled for June 27th.
- Final pieces of the on-line New Faculty & Staff Orientation program are being recorded the last week of June with anticipation of having the program available by end of summer.

Organizational Development:

- One organization study was completed and a second is in final stages with the report currently being written.
- Two departmental team building retreats were facilitated this past month.

Metrics Development

- HR has begun work with Huron consultant, John Kaiser, on identifying metrics for a variety of human resource functions including: performance management, learning and development, organizational development, recruitment, onboarding, benefits, etc…

Faculty Development

- Curriculum for chair training will be explored with Huron consultants, Danny Anderson, and others, to inform next year's roundtable sessions, workshop topics selected, and other resources to be purchased for the support of academic leaders on campus.
- Exploration of on-campus faculty and staff experts who may be able to contribute to academic leadership development.
- Documenting strategic look at the year ahead for faculty development programming and projects to enable effective staffing strategies, identification of professional development opportunities for staff assigned to this area, and efficient resource allocation throughout the year.

5C(1, 2, & 3): Be Accountable

5C(1): A faculty task force appointed by the provost developed a draft of a post-tenure review policy. The draft policy has been posted on the provost's web site for review and comment.

5C(2): The differential allocation of effort policy was updated and approved during the 2011-2012 academic year and has been used by department chairs and deans during the 2012-2013 academic year.

5C(3): Seven schools are currently reviewing their faculty evaluation plans under the three-year review cycle. Updated plans are due December 1, 2013.

5D(1, 2, & 3): Diversity and Equity

5D(1) is complete.

5D(2): There are multiple initiatives that directly or indirectly provide oversight and facilitate our collective work in the area of diversity, equity and inclusion. For example, we have instituted the Diversity Leadership Council which membership is from various offices across campus that are addressing programs, initiatives or support specific groups. We have the Accessible Executive Advisory Council (ADA/Inclusion) that meets on a monthly basis. We have also resurrected the Architectural Barriers Committee that now has an ADA oversight. We have created an IOA/Compliance monthly meeting to better coordinate common issues and initiatives. We have an Advisory Council on the KUMC campus that coordinates efforts on the Lawrence and Medical Center campus. We have conducted two surveys (of all students) on sex discrimination/sexual harassment/violence the past two years. We developed, implemented and evaluated two training modules. One on ADA/Inclusion that was administered to all faculty; and the second one to all students, faculty and staff on sex discrimination/harassment. These surveys will be an annual initiative for the campus.

5D(3): Participated in preliminary discussions regarding recruitment and retention metrics for KU-specifically for diverse students. Data collection and projected impact of new admission requirements were discussed. Our next steps will be to identify those metrics (beyond GPA and ACT) that can be used

in admission criteria but also to systematically explore how to be organize our campus efforts regarding retention of students once they matriculate to KU.

There was only a brief conversation but there needs to be a coordinated point of contact (office) that facilitates and coordinates efforts across campus and programs that will address a comprehensive retention focus and emphasis. First year experience efforts as well as other offices that are serving undergraduates need to have this emphasis and commitment to retention as well.

6A(1 & 2): Changing For Excellence

Extensive updates related to the Changing for Excellence business cases are available at www.cfe.ku.edu.

6B(1 & 2): Campus Master Plan

The master planners (HEWV), science study planners (Cannon), College of LA&S, and the KU team have worked for the past four weeks to align the science building master plan with the proposed campus land use plan. The sciences are a major driver of the land use plan due to quantity and quality issues. All groups were in Lawrence on June 19-20 to present the alignment options and the overall vision appeared to be deemed as quite successful. With alignment of both plans the master plan can move from analysis & options to concept refinement. Due to this additional realignment process, the master plan is scheduled to be complete in January 2014 in lieu of December 2013.

6B(3): Computational & Technology Infrastructure

Single Identity Management System

- This project status is still Critical (i.e. Red). For AD, this effort remains on hold until the non-technical aspects of the project have been resolved. For META, the KUL and KUMC teams have completed integrating the 'isNameTaken' web service into their user account creation and management processes. The KU Lawrence group has started implementation of work for migration of conflicting user-ids. The team continues to develop the 'doesUserExist' web service, which will prevent duplicate user-ids. Additionally, the team continues to work on requirements for data attribute syncing and management.

Leverage Software Purchasing

- The first meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee was held on 02/13/13 and the first meeting of the TAC Hardware Advisory sub-committee (TAC HW) was held on 03/14/13. The charge document has been finalized for the Hardware/Software Subcommittee and Purchasing is scheduling the first meeting of the combined group. The project team is continuing to investigate the use of Kivuto for software distribution at KU Lawrence as it's already in use at the KU Medical Center. The project team continues to perform analysis on multiple years of software purchase data with a focus on overlaps between KUL and KUMC, looking at total spend with each individual vendor. Total savings recognized to-date is $297,174.54.

Increase MFD Usage

- The Increase MFD Usage team has completed standard operating procedures for optimizing MFD usage across campus and is now implementing these processes in lockstep with the Reorganize and Redefine IT Staff project team. In the Applied English Center, we are evaluating changes to propose which would cut costs and bring the operation in line with standard operating procedures and have begun implementation with newly hired centralized IT staff. Working with KU IT Communications and communications staff in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, we are compiling a master findings document for executive review. During our last monthly meeting with the CIO, a proposal for reorganization of the MFD VLAN was discussed. A draft proposal has been prepared for his review. We have completed a spreadsheet documenting historical trending, and generally speaking, we can establish MFD usage has increased at KU. We will continue to evaluate centralizing departmental print usage for efficiencies to be gained by the use of standard operating procedures.

Server Centralization

- The Server Centralization team continues to work to implement server hosting plans and managed services hosting agreements for departments. Migration and planning meetings recently occurred with ALTEC, CRL, and LSI. The team is also planning to prepare for Admins to update their server registration information by 07/31/2013.

Reorganize & Redefine

- KU IT Directors have reviewed the IT Centralization Proposal for the School of Social Welfare. The KU Edwards Campus IT Centralization Proposal has been reviewed by Senior IT Staff and is currently under review by the CIO. The Director of Support Services is creating the IT Centralization Proposal for the School of Music. The project team will not meet on May 27 due to the Memorial Day holiday, but they will meet again on June 3 to finalize documents used in the project.

Network Optimization

- The network teams continue to move forward on the Changing for Excellence Network Optimization initiatives. Network engineering continues to improve on the KU Peering Network design. The DNS Anycast architecture has been implemented and is productional. Progress continues to be made on changing overlapping IP addresses at the KUL and KUMC campuses.

Scanning & Document Workflow
- The migration of KUMC electronic documentation to the ImageNow system continues. A few system configuration changes are required to achieve HIPAA compliance before the student and patient files can be imported, so the team is working to make the changes while the student and patient files are being withheld from the migration queue.

Campus CRM (Constituent Relationship Management)
- The Executive Sponsors have closed the student services CRM project and are moving forward with redirecting students to the updated portal as an entry point to CRM.

- The Business & Industry CRM project team has started implementation, which will continue for 12 weeks.

Campus CMS (Content Management System)
- Phase 3: Implementation of user-requested enhancements is underway. Monthly meetings have been scheduled to review feature rollouts. Faculty PRO phase 1 integration requirements have been baselined. Development of these requirements has begun.

Early Warning System
- The spring pilot is complete. This project has now been moved to warranty.

Appointment Scheduler
- A system that will enable the various schools and departments to load advisor assignment information into the system for all undergraduate students has deployed. Some advising units are in the process of piloting this functionality. Financial Aid & Scholarship is piloting using the calendar in their back office and the project team is helping work through different use cases.

6C(1, 2, & 3): Far Above

***Far Above* Campaign meeting on September 7**

In January, Kurt & Sue Watson wrote to you about the next joint meeting of all campaign committees and councils. Set for September 7 at 1:30 p.m., the meeting coincides with the launch of the faculty, staff and student initiatives of the *Far Above* Campaign. We have also been able to secure the game day sponsorship that day when KU plays South Dakota in Memorial Stadium at 6 p.m. Along with students wearing *Far Above* t-shirts, we will highlight the campaign on the scoreboard and throughout the media while using this occasion to kick off the faculty/staff/student effort. We hope you will plan to join us to be a part of this exciting day.

All campaign committee volunteers, the deans or directors overseeing these school and unit committees/councils, as well as development staff, are encouraged to attend. An official invitation will be mailed to committee members from *Far Above* Chairs Kurt and Sue Watson as the location and agenda are finalized.

Please take a moment to watch this video from Kurt and Sue Watson about the meeting and updating progress of the campaign… click here to watch the video.

***Far Above* kickoff message shared at regional events**

After 14 months of traveling the country to meet with great alumni, friends and supporters about the campaign and the impact it will have and is having on the University and Hospital, we are set for a special campaign event in Kansas City at the KU Edwards Campus, BEST Building.

On July 17 at 6:30 p.m., the event will share the *Far Above* message of seeking support to educate future leaders, advancing medicine, accelerating discovery and driving economic growth to seize the

opportunities of the future.

These events have been a great way to visit with institutional supporters across the country, engaging more than 850 people at the 17 events, to date.