Consolidated Results of Table Conversations at UMRA "Town Hall," 24 October 2017

Based on UMRA Board discussion of Town Hall summary information, November 2017
(Note: Numbers do <u>not</u> reflect priority; they are provided to simplify discussion)

Q1. What are some ways UMRA member expertise and wisdom could be helpful to the University?

(It was noted that implementation of most the following would require some infrastructure)

1. Advocate on behalf of the U with the Legislature (create UMRA profiles, inventory of members networks and engagements)
2. Create more systematic ways to provide input to UM leadership (e.g. establish more linkage to U governance--FCC, SCAFA)
3. Raise funds for scholarships
4. Participate in or create advising/mentoring programs (cf. UMAA Mentorship Program)
5. Have UMRA expertise more visible to faculty; promote UMRA members as departmental resources and as classroom speakers

Q2. Should UMRA member activities/opportunities be expanded?

1. Address space problems that limit participation and diminish the quality of interactions at luncheons
2. Expand opportunities to participate as a group in activities planned by other organizations (e.g. Scotch tasting, plays, music venues, discussions)
3. Encourage members to teach in OLLI (Note: OLLI incorporated many activities that could have been part of UMRA)
4. Expand relationship or bring the University Retirees Volunteers Center back into UMRA
5. Expand clubs/affinity groups (finance, specialized book clubs, creative writing, science fiction, mystery, crafts, hobbies)
6. Create tours and travel opportunities(e.g. On campus: Bruinicks Hall, Raptor Center; In Community: historical diversity tour of Twin Cities neighborhoods, Arboretum, Cedar Creek; Other national/ international tours)
7. Provide transportation to events

Q3. What more can the University do to support UMRA?

1. Provide UMRA access to information needed to reach new retirees and inform them of UMRA activities and opportunities
2. Help with technology in bridging to retirement
3. Encourage departments/units to develop and maintain connections with their retirees
4. Establish a Retiree Center/Wisdom Center
5. Create a line item for UMRA support in U budget
6. Renew/continue Research Grant program
7. Establish more organized consultation with UMRA