

President's Luncheon Community and Civic Leaders

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One participant commented that Durango was a premier college town. Ft. Lewis community-schools connection. Also asked about summer job opportunities? What are there?

What are the Student-athlete commitments and interests?

How to improve community attendance to athletic events and vice versa with high school games.

How to increase faculty residency- housing, affordability, schools, spousal hires, etc. What is needed to improve/increase # of HU faculty residing in LV?

There is a report on Analysis of Housing Needs and Preferences which was recently completed. Done by the City. Referenced as "Affordable Housing Plan".

Elmer Martinez- Need to consider community development resources:

- Public works director
- Rec Office and Rec Center facilities
- Coordination w/ The city (events, programming, resources)
- Partnership w/ The Iron Tribe (good example of University and City partnership)
- "How do we do it?" [How can we improve coordination and partnerships?]

Transportation needs- evenings and weekends.

Chris - Are able to recruit employees to the medical center in the \$75-200k range. Need to consider retention and opportunities. Need to promote educational opportunities for local employees.

Most successful students are from the *local schools*. [Report on retention and graduation rates for high school students from Mora, West Las Vegas and Robertson.

Would recommend more HU faculty working with schools—learning opportunities and partnerships (starting in middle schools). Also bring more local students to campus visits.

Consider/learn about what keeps people here who came to HU from distant locations?

Consider community attitudes (about the local schools and the university)

What is the proposed follow-up from these various discussions? What will actually happen?

IDEAS:

- Need to be more creative.
- We need to share more of our public spaces and public buildings.
- Share athletic facilities. Build state-of-the art facilities and coordinate/share
- Local transportation model after a program in India. (cycles)
- Have student-athletes, HU employees coach little league sports
- Increase internship opportunities
- Add information about local businesses in recruitment packages (for both HU students and employees). Include the Visitors' Guide.
- Need to offer outdoor equipment rentals (either HU or a local business)
- Need a branded vision statement. [What kind of college town?]
- Inviting community leaders to campus events
- Focus on single projects, rather than a laundry list of possible activities/projects