University Day
Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Hanaway Theatre, Silver Center for the Arts
Doors open at 8:45 a.m. Remarks begin at 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Refreshments
Outside Amphitheater- Silver Center
(Weather permitting)

* Below are links to three articles related to the topics we’ll be discussing. If you read the abstract and introduction of each, you’ll get a good sense of the topic of discussion. For those of you who want more, the full text is either available through the link below or on reserve at Lamson.

8:45 a.m. Arrival and be seated

9:00 a.m. Our Current State
Introduction – President Don Birx
Strengths and challenges - Cabinet members: Julie Bernier, Jim Hundrieser, Steve Taksar, Paula Lee Hobson

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Building on URSA and Focus 2020 to create a Vision for the Future of Plymouth State University
President Don Birx

11:45 a.m. How this vision for the future comes together with the URSA process
Julie Bernier

12:00 n. Lunch
Complimentary lunch tickets will be handed out as guests exit Hanaway Theatre.
Hanaway Theatre
Mary Lyon Front Lawn

1:15 p.m. **Breakout Groups** – *(locations to be assigned August 26th)*
Facilitated discussions

1. In thinking about academics- What is PSU known for? i.e., what do we do best?

2. How might some of these come together to form a cluster?

3. What are the co-curricular (non-academic) programs and services we offer that could come together with academic pillars of excellence to form clusters?

4. What excites you about this new vision?

5. In what ways can community or regional businesses, organizations, or nonprofits be part of the Clusters?

6. Thinking about some of the clusters you have identified, can you describe ideas for an Open Lab connected to the Cluster?

7. What ideas do you have for structuring continuing conversations about identifying PSU’s Clusters?

2:30 p.m. **Town Hall** - President Don Birx
Faculty and Staff will share ideas and ask questions of the President that emerged from their conversations
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3:30 p.m. **President’s Autumn Gathering** – program attached
All Faculty, Staff and their partners are invited to attend
*Heritage Commons, Samuel Read Hall Building*

**Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Remarks begin at 4:00 p.m.**
Hors d’oeuvres and dessert will be served

*Article links:*
http://iopscience.iop.org/2053-1613/1/1/016002/article (full text)
https://www.questia.com/library/journal/1G1-354086608/the-university-as-an-open-laboratory (Intro only- full text available on reserve at Lamson)
https://www.questia.com/library/journal/1G1-334485225/growing-an-emerging-research-university (Intro only- full text available on reserve at Lamson)