Topics for discussion included goal statements, recommendations, and budget. Sally will share a draft document this week and request feedback. The Steering Committee’s draft report is due March 7.

The budget sub-committee met to discuss a budget proposal that considers various initiatives. Low priority, low budget will also be considered. The budget sub-committee will meet with the task force co-chairs on February 28 to review preliminary budget ideas. Not all items will be included.

Provost Marlin reiterated a multi-year planning approach. Not all recommendations will be included in the first year. Priorities should be noted and a revenue strategy section should be included.

The committee discussed specific language to include in the goal statements. Suggestions included emphasizing focus on 4-year graduation rates, closing the achievement gap, building areas of excellence, high impact programs, diversity, community, and communication. There was further discussion regarding short-term and long-term goals, priorities, budget, and revenue. Sally reminded the committee the plan will supplement what we do, not compete or diminish.

Committee members are to review and edit the draft plan, and provide feedback by Monday, March 4 at noon.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m.