Strategic Planning
Steering Committee Minutes

February 5, 2013

A summary of task force recommendations was provided to the Steering Committee. The final task force reports are online. Provost Marlin clarified the steering committee’s work to be done. A budget preliminary discussion will take place with the Budget office.

President Hirshman addressed the committee and reminded the committee the work began at a tough budget time, but will be completed at a time when we actually have resources to distribute. President Hirshman emphasized several points: important to go back and review all of the reports; define a set of framing goals and aspirations; and identify initiatives that support the goals. Coherence is necessary.

Budget will include a realistic number and may change. Planning will include a balance between a strategic plan and things that make us vital. Important to distinguish between day to day decisions and strategic planning decisions. It’s important to include a long-term framework for building resources at the university. Ideally, short-term will lead to long-term.

Important to also consider a communication plan for the strategic planning process going forward, in order to provide updates.

Sally reminded the committee to review all of the reports and background information (many are appendices). Next week’s meeting will include discussion of an organizational structure for goals. In preparation for the discussion, consider goals that are achievable, highly impactful, and broad across the task forces. Each member of the steering committee should be prepared to identify their top three recommendations.

Sally reminded the committee of the Open Forum scheduled for this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in Arts & Letters 101.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m.