Provost Marlin addressed the committee and reviewed the remaining work to be done. Feedback on Task Force reports has been received and disseminated for review and consideration. Task Force final reports are due February 1.

The task forces reported on final conclusions. As reports are being finalized, the biggest challenge is prioritizing and incorporating all ideas. Provost Marlin agreed it will be challenging to include all ideas in final recommendations; however, ideas are valued.

Bill Eadie discussed the Open Forum scheduled for Tuesday, February 5 in Arts & Letters 101. The Senate meeting will be shortened to accommodate the forum. The forum will begin at the close of Senate business or 3:00 p.m., whichever comes first. The format will include a one-minute report from each task force, followed by comments and feedback. A written summary will be presented to the Senate in advance. Provost Marlin encouraged the Steering Committee to attend.

Over the next two months the Steering Committee’s work will include developing a multi-tiered and multi-year plan based on recommendations and budget. The Steering Committee will meet weekly beginning February 5. The February 19 meeting will include Task Force co-chairs for a budget discussion. The Steering Committee’s draft report is due March 7, followed by a two-week comment period and a final report to President Hirshman on March 29.