Senate Chair Bill Eadie opened the forum with introductions, a review of the planning process, and an update of the draft plan. The five task force reports were collapsed into a set of goals: student success, research and creative endeavors, and community and communication. The third goal is synthetic, intended to bring together various groups and initiatives.

Bill opened the floor for comments, questions, and feedback. Comments and questions related to a variety of topics, including Imperial Valley campus, online degrees, research and access to faculty, implementation costs, learning analytics, and funding for high impact practices.

The plan has been communicated to the Imperial Valley campus to identify what applies and what their next steps will be. The Steering Committee is in the process of determining cost estimates. Implementation will be a function of budget availability.

Additional suggestions for the plan included incorporating the skill centers(s) into the academic departments, incorporating cultural competency and a wellness center, ensuring access to faculty for all areas, and incorporating diversity as an area of excellence.

The Steering Committee continues to meet to consider feedback. A final report will be presented to President Hirshman by April 12.