**Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting**

February 23, 2016

Atkinson 202

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee met in Atkinson 202 on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. In attendance were Mark Pelton, Veronica Womack, Jan Clark, Dale Young, Juawn Jackson, Susan Allen, Bill Doerr, Sandy Gangstead, Chris Ferland, and Omar Odeh. Andy Lewter and Bob Orr were not present.

Dale Young started the meeting by reviewing some recent higher education related events happening in Georgia and across the country. This conversation led into a discussion concerning the draft reports of the strategic planning sub-committees. Several of the subcommittees have followed the strategic planning report template and have submitted good initial drafts, while others still have a significant amount of work to do. The two co-chairs and two co-facilitators have crafted a response to the subcommittees which provides additional guidance and encourages them to follow the report template circulated earlier. Mark was asked to distribute this document to the sub-committee chairs as well as to each member of the steering committee.

The rest of the discussion focused on the vision, mission, and value statements. The discussion began with several draft value statements crafted by Sandy Gangstead. Juawn mentioned the possibility of using “Reason, Respect, and Responsibility” as the organizing principles, including value statements underneath them. Mark suggested that we not add principles back into the mix, but include only those elements required by the BOR: mission, vision, and values.

As the meeting discussion ended, Dale asked each committee member to send him value statement ideas for discussion at the next meeting. He stated as a goal to have a draft complete and ready for review in two weeks. The committee will continue to discuss the values and mission at the next meeting March 10, 2016.