**Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting**

July 12, 2016

Atkinson 202

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee met in Atkinson 202 on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. In attendance were Mark Pelton, Sandy Gangstead, Dale Young, Bill Doerr, Laura Ahrens, Andy Lewter, Bob Orr, Ken McGill, Chris Ferland, Jan Clark, and Veronica Womack. Omar Odeh and Susan Allen were not present.

Mark reported to the committee that President Dorman had reviewed the latest draft and was pleased with the committee’s progress toward developing a plan that reflects where GC is as a campus. However, the President did suggest a greater emphasis on the concepts of student and faculty success. The committee made a wording change in Goal 1 to better highlight student success, which is now clearly the object of two Goal 1 initiatives. The committee reviewed Goal 5, which focuses on the recruitment, retention, and success of an exemplary and diverse faculty and staff, and felt that faculty success was highlighted sufficiently.

At the previous meeting, Laura had questioned why the initiative related to the liberal arts general education program had been omitted from the Goal 2 revision submitted by Jan and Ken. Jan and Ken came prepared to discuss this and presented a draft of a new initiative to correct this omission. After some discussion and a bit of wordsmithing, the committee incorporated a new initiative to “redesign the liberal arts curricula to best reflect the distinction of a public liberal arts institution.” The bullet under that initiative is to “support integration of LEAP outcomes into the general education and degree program curricula.” Two other initiatives under Goal 2 were streamlined based on edits suggested by Dale.

The words “and productive” were eliminated from the second initiative under Goal 5.

The committee revisited the review process for the draft goals and objectives. The draft will be presented to University Senate at its August 9 retreat, with the assumption that ECUS will assign the draft to RPIPC given its role in reviewing and providing advice on strategic planning. It was decided that the draft should be sent to ECUS by July 26th—after strategic planning subcommittee and Cabinet input have been received and incorporated—with a request that the draft be assigned to RPIPC for review. Jan felt sure that RPIPC will review the draft and provide input by September 2, so the deadline for Senate input was modified accordingly.

Mark noted that he intended to send the draft goals and initiatives to the 13 strategic planning subcommittees on Wednesday, July 13, and received suggestions from the Steering Committee for important points to communicate in the email to the subcommittee chairs.

Mark and Dale agreed to develop an outline for the narrative portion of the written plan for review and input by the entire steering committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26 from 1-3 p.m. in Atkinson 202.