Strategic Planning Listening Session 1

Atkinson 202

August 24, 2016

Committee Attendance: Mark Pelton, Andy Lewter, Susan Allen, Omar Odeh, Bob Orr, Chris Ferland, Bill Doerr, Sandy Gangstead, and Linda Bradley.

The first of three listening sessions was held today. This listening session was scheduled for the faculty to come and share their opinions on the draft strategic plan. There were two faculty members in attendance, Tanya Goette and Steve Jones.

Tanya’s first suggestion was in regard to Goal 1. She suggested that the goal include an initiative related to increasing scholarship funding for students. Tanya’s next suggestion was for Goal 2 as she asked for a specific software assessment package to assess classroom learning. She offered this as an implementation issue. Her last suggestion was for Goal 5. Tanya expressed concern about searches immediately becoming national in nature without giving GC faculty/staff the opportunity to move up into those positions. She felt it important to find ways to give GC faculty and staff the opportunity to move to higher positions before hiring from outside the university.

Steve asked for clarification on the transformative experiences stated through Goal 2, questioning if the experiences should be written into program curriculum. This brought about some discussion, which then gave Steve clarification of the goal.

The next listening session is scheduled for August 25, 2016, at 9 a.m. in Atkinson 202. This listening session is also being offered for faculty members.