

Driving Discovery and Innovation Work Group
Malott Room, Kansas Union
Saturday, December 4, 2010, 8:30-11 a.m.

Attendance

Steve Warren and Kristin Bowman-James, co-chairs; Kevin Boatright, staff; Shrikant Anant, Bethany Christiansen, John Colombo, Tom Cravens, Adam Duerfeldt, Rob Fiorentino, Steve Goddard, Susan Harris, Hartmut Jaeschke, Susan Kemper, Kris Krishtalka, Greg Loving, Deb Ludwig, Steven Maynard-Moody, Tom McDonald, Berl Oakley, Christian Schöneich, Kevin Song, Paulette Spencer, Robert Rohrschneider, Paul Terranova, Lorie Vanchena, Bob Walzel and John Younger.

Agenda

1. Presentation and Discussion: Revisiting and Refining Strategies
2. Breakout Groups: Discuss and Refine Strategies
3. Presentation and Discussion: Strategic Initiatives / Themes and Criteria

Data Considered in Discussions

The presentations continued and extended the November 20 discussion of premises and strategies, which contained additional new information from a variety of internal and external sources. The group also made use of planning documents provided in advance via the Office of the Provost.

Outcomes of Discussion

General discussion focused on 12 strategic initiatives identified by the group on November 20, as well as a proposed 13th initiative on the need for funding in support of the other 12. Two breakout groups were formed, each charged with reviewing, discussing and elaborating on six different initiatives, using a template provided at the start of the meeting. Subsequently, the full group reviewed the "Draft Criteria for Strategic Initiatives" document received earlier in the week from the Office of the Provost. The criteria will be used to make decisions about the initiatives KU will pursue. They can also be used to define KU's niches as places where initiatives intersect or overlap. The discussion concluded with a conversation about the cluster hiring process used at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Next Steps

The work group will meet January 18, 2-5 p.m., and January 22, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Kansas Union. On the 18th, the agenda will focus on a draft document reflecting all previous discussion of strategic actions. The group will also review and respond to a draft "Request for Strategic Initiatives" template. On the 22nd, the agenda will focus on doctoral education and completion of the draft documents. A January 29 meeting is scheduled, but may not be necessary.

Supporting Documents or Links

University of Wisconsin-Madison Cluster Hiring Initiative <http://www.clusters.wisc.edu/pages/show/1>

Arizona State University: Office of the President [Michael Crow] <http://president.asu.edu/node/762>

Arizona State University School of Social Transformation <http://sst.clas.asu.edu/>