

Strategic Planning Steering Committee  
January 20, 2011  
Overview of Accomplishments since October 2010

Highlights:

Communication and Involvement:

- Approximately 1000 individual faculty, staff, and students responded to a survey by EEE on the goals of general education. Virtually every faculty member on the Lawrence/Edwards campuses have been invited to give feedback as a department on general education goals—30+ departments and three schools have sent forward their feedback to the EEE work group and those are being analyzed and integrated into the plan for the future.
- Focus groups of alumni and students have also provided prioritizations of learning goals to EEE in addition to the 200 students they were surveyed recently.
- DDI has been busy meeting with academic and research units regarding the Faculty Activity Reporting System that they hope to pilot this spring.
- DDI developed their two-fold mission: raise the level of research broadly and also in focused areas of opportunity. We're going to talk about the broad process for soliciting ideas for areas of opportunity today—strategic initiatives.
- ESPI has a plan for surveying every faculty member and is holding a community focus group on January 25th
- A website was established for strategic planning as well as a discussion board for public input. Information for the steering committee is found on a common blackboard site.
- Every other week, during the academic year the *Provost eNews* is sent to all faculty, staff, and students keeping the community aware of the tasks underway. Provost eNews went out last week announcing nomination will begin soon for strategic initiatives.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first town hall meeting which will be videotaped for the web. Three informal coffees are scheduled as well (communication going out soon).

We've identified:

- SWOT (or rather, WTSO) analysis of weaknesses, threats, strengths, and opportunities.
- Charges for the working groups which now have outcomes associated with them.
- With the involvement of the deans we have criteria for strategic initiatives
- Overarching enablers are being worked on – and a survey scheduled to prioritize them in March
- We added a fourth working groupsto focus on graduate education

We are on course to have a Strategic Plan drafted by May 1<sup>st</sup>!