

## **Memorandum**

**To: University Council**

**From: David Shipley, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee**

**Date: November 20, 2017**

**Re: Report to University Council on November 29, 2017**

The Strategic Planning Committee has met three times this semester with Vice Provost Russ Mumper and with Alan Aycock and Maggie Parker from the Office of Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness. The committee will be meeting again next month. Our work is building on the efforts of last year's committee. They concluded that the plan has too many benchmarks, metrics and priorities and that it needs to be pared down. As a result, this year's committee is going through the several Strategic Directives in the plan, reviewing all the metrics, revising some of them and eliminating some. We are asking whether particular metrics are still priorities, whether listed benchmarks meaningfully measure the University's progress on a particular priority, and whether a benchmark has been completed. If it has, then we are deciding whether to recommend removing the benchmark or keeping it on the list.