Strategic Planning Committee: Report to Council April 2016

During the 2015-16 academic year the Strategic Planning Committee met on the following seven dates: 9/29/15, 11/10/15, 12/10/15, 1/13/16, 2/10/16, 3/15/16, 4/22/16.

During the first meeting (September 29) Malcolm Adams was elected to chair the committee and a discussion of business for the year ensued. We learned at that meeting that due to administrative restructuring there would no longer be an Associate Provost for Academic Planning after January 1, 2016. Since this position was listed in the University Council Bylaws as a voting ex officio member of the Strategic Planning Committee we decided that our first order of business would be to suggest a replacement to the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws and Committees.

In the second meeting (November 10) the committee voted to recommend that the ex officio position be changed to the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs since the strategic planning portion of the Office of Academic Planning's activities would be moved under the direction of that position. The recommendation was sent to the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws and Committees for action.

At the November meeting the committee also decided that it would review data provided by the Office of Academic Planning on progress towards the benchmark goals for the seven strategic directions outlined in the 2020 Strategic Plan with a goal of presenting a midterm progress report to the Council.

Beginning in December we spent each of our monthly meetings analyzing benchmark data for the seven strategic directions. The committee has completed this review and is presently preparing a summary and recommendations to present to the council early in the fall 2016 semester.

Respectfully submitted,

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