

University Council Strategic Planning Committee
October 13, 2023 Meeting Notes

Attendees

Biesecker, Barbara	Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
Carlson Welch, Annie	Division of Student Affairs
Leyting, Jennifer	Staff Council Representative
Sanchez, Susan	College of Veterinary Medicine
Shaparia, Yuag	Undergraduate Student Representative
Shipley, David (Chair)	School of Law
St. Pierre, Elizabeth	Mary Frances Early College of Education
Taylor, Jeanette (Ex-Officio)	Office of the Provost
Westpheling, Janet	Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
Wohlford, Kelsey	Graduate Student Representative

Guest

Maggie Parker	Office of Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness
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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
2. Introduction of the undergraduate and graduate students.
3. The Committee voted on approving the minutes from the August 31st Committee meeting. Jan moved to approve. Susan seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.
4. The chair put forward the main goal of the meeting, which was to discuss and formally recommend a 2-year extension to the University's 2025 Strategic Plan.
 - a. As a recap, the Provost has discussed this potential extension with the Deans Council and ALG meeting as well as with a number of Vice Presidents and all are in support of an extension on the plan.
 - b. The Chair has spoken with both the President and Provost and both would also be supportive of a recommendation.
5. Several members of the committee had a lengthy discussion about concerns regarding the possible reallocation of funds away from schools and colleges (particularly Franklin) attributed to the IA&DS initiative and how this and other initiatives might impact the ability of a school or college to fulfill their unit's strategic plan due to budgetary constraints.
6. There was debate within the SPC regarding the connection of the particular funding concerns and the SPC's role in monitoring the University's Strategic Plan, given that there was no direct reference to which part of the University Strategic Plan was not aligned with the particular initiative at the center of the discussion.
7. Following the discussion, the committee was unable to vote on the recommendation for an extension.
8. Specifically, before they feel comfortable voting on an extension, several members of the committee asked for the following clarifying information:

- Whether the University's and/or a unit's strategic plan are viewed as binding like a contract as opposed to being guidelines or guidance documents
 - How are initiatives from the President and the Provost (like the hiring initiatives) viewed with regard to their alignment with, or deviations from, the University's Strategic Plan?
 - The SPC's oversight authority, if any, into decisions to launch major initiatives that have financial resources allocated to them. What is the scope of the "monitoring" clause of the SPC's bylaws.
 - What sort of guidance will be given to schools, colleges and other units regarding their strategic plans, if the UGA plan is extended two years.
9. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:55am and said that he would follow up with the President's Office and the Provost's Office to gather the feedback requested.