

University Council Strategic Planning Committee
January 21, 2026 from 3:30-4:30 pm
Zoom

Attendees

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| Carlson Welch, Annie | Division of Student Affairs |
| Fawehinmi, Anuoluwapo | Undergraduate Student Representative |
| Gupton, Timothy | Franklin College of Arts & Sciences |
| Hill, Janette | Mary Frances Early College of Education |
| Leyting, Jennifer | Staff Council Representative |
| Sanchez, Susan (Chair) | College of Veterinary Medicine |
| St. Pierre, Elizabeth | Mary Frances Early College of Education |
| Walker, Will | Graduate Student Representative |
| Weeks, Elizabeth (Ex-Officio) | Office of the Provost |
| Parker, Maggie | Office of Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness |

Guests

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| Lea Campbell | Office of Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness |
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The University Council Strategic Planning Committee met on January 21, 2026, at 3:30 via Zoom.

The committee reviewed its stated responsibilities and identified opportunities to further align the duties outlined in the bylaws with current practices.

- Members agreed that strengthening onboarding and clarifying roles, particularly regarding access to the strategic plan, KPIs, and institutional data sources, would enhance engagement and effectiveness.
- Members emphasized the value of developing a written outline of annual responsibilities to support future members and promote continuity. The group also highlighted the importance of faculty governance engagement in reinforcing institutional accountability for progress on the strategic plan.
- The committee discussed opportunities to enhance data accessibility and KPI quality. Recommendations included inviting data owners to present directly to the committee and exploring options for external analysis to support informed decision-making.
- Members expressed strong interest in creating opportunities for institutional units to provide periodic briefings, fostering ongoing communication throughout strategic planning cycles.

Building on these discussions, the committee agreed to continue strengthening its role in oversight, communication, and institutional support to ensure that progress on the strategic plan is effectively monitored and shared.

A motion to add the Director of Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness as an ex officio member of the committee was introduced, moved by Jennifer, seconded by Anu, and approved with quorum. The motion will be forwarded, along with its rationale, to the Statutes and Bylaws Committee for review.