

Strategic Planning Committee Minutes October 14, 2004

In attendance: Bobby Dupont, Ed Johnson, Edit Bourgeois, Joe King, Ralph Thayer, and Rachel Kincaid.

Bobby Dupont opened the meeting with an overview of last semester's actions of the committee. The committee received and evaluated proposals from each college which were presented to the Executive Committee during the spring retreat. A memo will soon be issued from the Chancellor notifying Deans of each proposal that was funded and at which levels. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded by budget adjustment in the next week or so. Dupont reminded committee members of the stipulation that 10% of the \$1.8 million distributed in the prior excellence plan should be allocated to academic excellence. Joe King reminded committee members that this was the initial awarding of these funds and as the process continues more funding will be allocated which will have a substantial long term impact.

Dupont also began a discussion of the committee's goals for the upcoming academic year which are to act as an oversight committee for other groups such as the Urban Agenda Initiative, the Honors Task Force, the Lean Six Sigma project, the Black Ribbon Commission, conduct an evaluation of career services and address People soft and data issues.

Joe King provided an update to the committee on the Urban Initiative which has met several times and is identifying a peer group of 15 – 17 institutions based on specific criteria. The group has also appointed subcommittees to determine levels of economic development, scholarship, research and other factors. The group expects to complete their analysis within six to eight months. Ralph Thayer suggested also reviewing mission statements of each university as well as our own to determine long range direction.

Ed Johnson gave an update on the Honors Committee which has also met several times and is expected to release a report in November.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ralph Thayer inquired how the University can convey to students who will not meet the 2005 admission standards of their alternatives if any to further their education. Bobby Dupont added that the Strategic Planning Committee will also address this issue and announced the next meeting would be held on Thursday, October 28th.