

University Plan Steering Committee

Report of Meeting on October 24, 2007

The University Plan Steering Committee met on October 24, 2007. Principal items of discussion included:

Committee membership: Interim Provost Jerold Goldberg introduced Dean Patterson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, a new addition to the Steering Committee. The other new member, Ka-Pi Hoh, Vice President of the University Alumni Association, was unable to attend. A complete roster of committee members can be found [here](#).

Consulting firm: Richard Baznik of the Institute for the Study of the University in Society reported that the firm of Anthony Knerr & Associates has been retained to serve as consultants in the planning process. At least two members of the firm will be on campus on November 1 and 2 to begin initial interviews with senior officers, deans, and other leaders. Information about the firm and their role in the planning process can be found [here](#).

Issue Task Forces: Baznik distributed the revised preliminary description of [Issue Task Forces](#) to be established by the Steering Committee, per earlier discussions. He also reported on initial expressions of interest by committee members in serving on one or more of the Task Forces. Committee members suggested additional names for several of the Task Forces, and urged clarification of topics to focus on strategic rather than tactical issues. Baznik will follow up with members to finalize membership, leadership, and topics for Task Forces, which will include persons outside the Steering Committee and, as appropriate, outside the University as well.

Preliminary time line and report outline: Goldberg shared with committee members initial drafts of a time line for the planning process and an outline of the final planning report, as submitted shortly before the meeting by Anthony Knerr. Committee members discussed issues to be addressed in each of the drafts. Goldberg plans to seek input on the draft from the deans as well. The final time line and report outline will be posted on the planning web site.

Discussion of mission and vision: Goldberg led a preliminary discussion of the University's mission and vision statements in preparation for further consideration over the course of the planning process, including seeking broad input from the campus and beyond. Included were the text of prior mission and vision statements for this University, examples from other institutions, and suggestions of characteristics and purpose of each form of statement.