

## **University Plan Steering Committee**

### **Report of Meeting on November 20, 2007**

The University Plan Steering Committee met on November 20, 2007. Principal items of discussion included:

**Summary of recent activities:** Provost Goldberg and Anthony Knerr of the consulting firm reported on discussions with deans and other senior leaders of the University over the previous two weeks, with emphasis on school-based planning activities. Goldberg also described initial responses to the web-based surveys that had just been posted at the time of the meeting.

**Issue Task Forces:** The following Steering Committee members who are leaders of Issue Task Forces reported on their status: Bo Carlsson (International/Global Initiatives), Cyrus Taylor (Research and Interinstitutional Collaboration), Dean Patterson (Student Engagement), Robert Miller (Graduate Education). Richard Baznik conveyed information on behalf of Beth McGee (Diversity Issues/Campus Climate). Don Feke noted that there is already a University-wide assessment committee working with his office and suggested that this group might easily be able to function as the Issue Task Force for that topic. Baznik requested that Task Force leaders provide rosters to the Provost's Office so members can be formally appointed. Information on these groups can be found – along with their charges and full rosters as they are completed – on the web page for the [Issue Task Forces](#). [insert link to web page]

**Draft time line and planning outline:** Baznik led a discussion of working drafts of a time line for the planning process and an outline of the elements of the plan to be produced. Committee members had questions and suggested some clarifications. Drafts will be finalized shortly and be available on the planning web site.

**Discussion of fundamental questions for planning:** Goldberg led a lengthy discussion that began with responses to the question, "What would you like the University to be in five to ten years?" Notes from this discussion along with results from the web-based surveys, which address this question in several ways, will be the basis of further consideration by the committee at coming meetings.