

Institutional Planning and Budget Council
April 4, 2006- 3:00 p.m.
Jones Room

Present: Grace Fisher, David Fuller, Rick Hedberg, Pam Hopkins, Robert Kibler, Jolina Miller, Neil Nordquist, Beth Pross, Ron Royer, and Deb Wentz

Absent: Randy Burckhard, Cathy Horvath Chelsea Peterson, Jerry Stai, and Betsy Vig.

1. Dr. Fuller called the meeting to order.

The minutes of March 15, 2006 were approved as presented.

2. Formats for Strategic Plans

Strategic plan formats from other universities were distributed so council members can review items that others have included in their plan as well as providing some variations in layout.

3. MSU Strategic Plan Outline

Dr. Fuller distributed an outline of the MSU Strategic Plan. Sections of the plan and discussions included:

1. Vision Statement Draft for 2013-2014: *By 2013, Minot State University will be known for its high expectations for the qualities and abilities of its graduates, high standards set for their work and learning; a campus culture focused predominantly on student growth and success; and an institutional commitment to engaged learning and stewardship of place.*

This statement would be followed by bulleted items that describe more fully, what is actually meant by the statement. Discussion followed included:

- The bulleted items should be placed in the order mentioned in the vision statement.
- We may want to look at a different word than “stewardship” in the draft statement – relates a passive feeling to the statement
- Do we need a reference to “personal integrity” – personal completeness
- Vision should not be overly optimistic – should be practical.
- The bulleted items speak to the effect of the student but do they speak to the growth of the student?
- Should we give students skills to avoid being manipulated – develop a “healthy skepticism”?
- Value of the vision is not to be a marketing tool but how we incorporate or change what we are doing to obtain this vision

2. Core Purpose – possibilities included:

- a. To make a meaningful difference in the lives of others
- b. To help others enjoy life and make a difference in the world
- c. To help others lead enjoyable and meaningful lives

Discussion:

- Should we include making good decisions – determine talents?
- Can we make others “enjoy” life?

3. Core Values – possibilities included:

- a. Serving others
- b. Engaged learning and growth
- c. Integrity
- d. Friendliness
- e. Community and collegiality
- f. Strong work ethic

Discussion:

- These are the values that everyone “knows” – they identify the institution

The council decided to meet again on Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. to further discuss mission, goals, etc so we have information prepared to present at the campus open forums on the 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Deb Wentz