

STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE MEETING

September 10, 2015 @ 3 p.m.

Starlight Room

Participants: Marvin Dodge (Co-Chair), Emily Dean (Co-Chair), Carmen Alldredge, Jenna Ayers, Mitch Bealer, Mindy Benson, Keith Bradshaw, Tina Calamity, Brandon Day, Danielle Dubrasky, Bill Heyborne, David Lunt, Johnny MacLean, Shauna Mendini, Mary Pearson, Deb Snider, Jared Wilckin, Scott Wyatt, Jennifer Oberhelman (recorder)

Emily Dean welcomed all to the meeting. She reported that the Ad-Hoc committees have been formed and reminded all that they are welcome to attend any of them. Jennifer was asked to resend the updated schedule of meetings to the Task Force.

Emily shared a quick update of the last meeting for those unable to attend. Jonathan Puente discussed diversity and the importance of including in the Strategic Plan. Richard Saunders discussed the request to include digital resources to the plan. It was felt that this was a bit narrow to be inserted in the plan and could possibly be used as a strategy that should be encouraged. There was concern voiced that this would impact revenue at the bookstore and that students still prefer paper to digital. Earl Mulderink wanted to see more community engagement included and this goes well with "Engage."

Keith Bradshaw expressed concern over having an abundance of accolades in the plan and wondered where you stopped. Bill Heyborne asked what President Wyatt's vision of the engagement centers were. Marv Dodge said discussion is underway about possible merging.

Emily split the group into three smaller groups to decide on one or two sentences to describe how each core theme effects students/faculty/staff. This phrase will be highlighted under the core theme. The following is what was determined for each.

Explore – SUU explores ideas, disciplines, skills, and differences through an experiential, liberal arts education.

Engage – SUU builds immersive experiences to fully engage with learning pursuits in and out of the classroom.

Excel – The SUU community fosters holistic learning through exploration; we construct environments for interdisciplinary engagement; and we strive for excellence through achievement.

Strategies to address the core themes will be discussed at the 9/17 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

