

STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE

October 1 2015 @ 3 p.m.

Charles Hunter Room

Attendees: Emily Dean (Co-Chair), Marv Dodge (Co-Chair), Mitch Bealer, Mindy Benson, Keith Bradshaw, Terri Day, Briget Eastep, Bill Heyborne, Dave Lunt, Johnny MacLean, Shauna Mendini, Mary Pearson, James Sage, Deb Snider, Jared Wilcken, Jennifer Oberhelman (recorder)

Marv Dodge welcomed attendees at 3:05. He shared he has been giving the Board of Trustees an oral report at their meetings but felt it was time to give them something in writing at the last meeting. The hand-out he gave outlined draft mission statements, core themes and goals. He would like to be able to give the complete draft to them at the December 2 meeting and be ready for a vote for final approval at the January 2016 meeting.

Terri Day was asked to put together a document that combines the task force input along with the Noel-Levitz input and come up with areas that need more input along with showing aligned areas. This document will go to the task force for additional input.

After additional discussion on the existing mission statement and core themes the following language was agreed upon.

Mission:

SUU is a dynamic teaching and learning community that engages students in experiential education, leading to personal growth, civic responsibility, and professional excellence.

Core Theme 1: EXPLORE

SUU explores diverse ideas, disciplines, skills, cultures, and places.

Core Theme 2: ENGAGE

SUU creates engaged, intentional, and transformative learning experiences.

Core Theme 3: EXCEL

SUU strives for continued excellence through quality outcomes and achievement. OR
SUU excels through a commitment to achievement. (It was agreed to allow folks to see this in print and determine which to choose or tweak.)