

MEETING NOTES

STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

04.14.14

SPSC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Bradley, Bob Carpenter, Kathleen Carroll, Aryya Gangopadhyay, Devin Hagerty, Kim Leisey, Carole McCann, Pat McDermott, Dan Miller, Yvette Mozie-Ross, Ken Pittman, Philip Rous, Mavis Sanders, John Schumacher, Laila Shishineh, Greg Simmons, Karl Steiner, Jack Sues

SENIOR ADVISORS PRESENT:

Michael Dillon.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM PRESENT:

Roland King, Connie Pierson, Leslie Tinker, and Terri Werner.

AGENDA

Share feedback from spring campus discussions: values & vision

Introduce Middle States standards and process

Consider links between strategy group work and Middle States standards

Discuss Middle States standards for excellence in assessment

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Reports from campus values and visions discussions

Steering Committee members reported highlights of discussions held with shared governance and other groups on campus. Feedback shared on the values and vision drafts and exercises included:

- Majority of people identified three main UMBC statements.
- Drafts mention values and principles, but don't describe what those are.
- Faculty concerned about language and projection. Want to make sure it doesn't hold us back.
- Liked the shared values approach.
- People identified with the language chosen in drafts.
- Want vision to identify us as a research university.
- Many believed UMBC draft statements were more accurate and aspirational than comparable university statements presented in the exercise.

- Include *identifying* problems, instead of only *solving* them.

Middle States introduction and process

Patrice McDermott, Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs and Robert Carpenter, Co-chair, Middle States Steering Committee led conversation about the University's Middle States Self-Study, a process to determine how well UMBC educational programs and services accomplish the University's goals and meet the Middle States Commission standards as part of the requirements for reaccreditation.

An overview of the process and timeline was shared with the committee, followed by a group activity designed to link the work of strategy groups with Middle States standards. Committee members worked in small groups to cross-walk strategy group research questions with the standards, followed by a discussion about how the standards may inform the goals, metrics and milestones set in the planning process.

NEXT STEPS

- Strategy groups present draft work plan to Steering Committee.
- Review revised vision statements and values language.
- Continue conversation about the links between strategy group work and Middle States standards.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 19
1-4 p.m.
329 The Commons