



Committee: Strategic Planning Committee

GFC Standing Committee Report for July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

From July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 there were 8 meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee and 1 Open Forum linked to the 2013-14 budget process. It was a busy year for this committee as planning work coincided with a direct link to the budget process and the unanticipated budget reductions to our operating grant by the Government of Alberta.

In addition to regular committee meetings, a smaller steering committee was appointed last year to determine the process of consultation, assist to compile and summarize information from this process, and propose draft measurable strategies for the Strategic Plan 2014-2019. The steering committee often met on a weekly basis during this timeframe.

Meetings:

September 24, 2012: The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the process of engagement regarding strategic planning, provide input to the President’s Open Letter, and prepare the committee for hosting the Strategic Priorities Open Forums that linked to budget process.

October 1 – Strategic Priorities Forum: As part of the budget process, the committee hosted a public forum for senior leaders across the institution to provide an overview of their strategic priorities.

October 17, 2012: The purpose of the meeting was to debrief on the Strategic Priorities Forum. The outcome from this meeting was the compilation of the committee’s feedback to the Budget Advisory Committee.

November 5, 2012: At this meeting, the committee reviewed the current Strategic Plan as a framework for the planning process and finalized this process. This clarified the planning work of the committee in relation to the budget process.

November 21, 2012: The purpose of this meeting was to present a summarized document from the Strategic Priorities Forum and host a follow-up discussion. The outcome was shared with Deans/Executive Directors and recommendations were provided to the Budget Advisory Committee regarding priorities.

March 6, 2013: After a process of consultation and a period of drafting the next strategic plan, the committee provided comments on the first draft.

April 3, 2013: This was a special meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to provide input on the University’s response to the budget reductions announced by the Government of Alberta in March.

April 19, 2013: This was another special meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to review the reduction recommendations from the Budget Advisory Committee to ensure this fit with university priorities.

June 18, 2013: The purpose of this meeting was to review the next draft of the Strategic Plan 2014-2019.

A final process meeting will be held on September 27 to determine our Strategic Plan 2014-2019 that will ultimately go for final approval to the Board of Governors in December.

M. Mahon, Chair