

GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: Strategic Planning Committee

For the Period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

From July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, there were two meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the main focus for this Committee for the year was reporting progress and achievement against Destination 2022: The University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan.

Meetings:

Typically, the Strategic Planning Committee meets twice per year. First, as part of the University Budget Process, the committee convenes to discuss the draft University Budget as it relates to strategic priorities for the university. Secondly, the committee meets to review and provide input for the Progress and Achievement Report. This year a single meeting was held to cover both of these.

November 2, 2021:

A high-level update on the 2022-23 Budget was given of which provided some of the current pressures facing the University, ie. Government restraints, Pandemic. Also reported on were the measures that have been undertaken to assist in balancing the budget such as the Task Forces.

May 2, 2022:

The 2022-23 to 2024-25 Budget Plan was presented and the path forward to create a more sustainable budget was explained.

The rationale for extending the current University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan to 2024 in order to allow the incoming President to be involved in the process and implementation of the new plan was provided and endorsed.

A draft Progress and Achievement Report for 2021-2022 was presented for consultation to the Strategic Planning Committee. This was the first presentation on the way to the Board of Governors for final approval. Prior to this presentation, feedback had been received from the President's Executive Committee and Statutory Deans' Council. During this meeting, there was positive feedback and comments were taken under advisement and incorporated. The Progress and Achievement Report is available within the secure section of the Planning and Reporting website at http://www.uleth.ca/planning-and-reporting and elements of this work will be incorporated into the university's annual report.

M. Mahon, Chair