



GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: Strategic Planning Committee

For the Period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

From July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, there were five meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the main focus for this Committee for the year was the development of a new comprehensive strategic plan for the institution.

Members: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/governance/strategic-planning-members>

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. However, given that the institution was proceeding with the development of a new comprehensive strategic plan this committee met frequently over the last year.

November 20, 2024:

President Jays provided an update on the Strategic Planning process and work to date. The inclusion of Blackfoot language in the final document was discussed and it was confirmed that consultation with Indigenous Elders was already well underway.

A final text only version was provided to the committee for review and comments and suggestions to the plan were discussed. A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Governors, via GFC, the approval of the plan – the motion was carried.

March 13, 2025:

During this meeting a presentation was given regarding the Work Integrated Learning Strategy under development. Mark Slomp and Stacey Gaudette-Sharp provided this presentation and answered questions.

A print publication preview of the Strategic Plan was provided for feedback and comments. The print copy was well received by the committee.

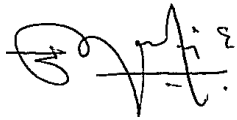
Additional information was shared regarding the launch of the plan, scheduled for March 25, 2025. Additional supporting events related to the launch of the plan were also noted.

Lastly, Deb Lucas shared a budget update with the committee noting that the upcoming Provincial Budget was likely going to be static and not increase or decrease from the past year.

April 25, 2025:

The last meeting of the cycle was focused on the revised University Capital Plan. This was presented by Deborah Lucas. This was followed by a Budget presentation by Cathy Kanashiro who was able to present and answer questions related to the upcoming budget.

Lastly, the Annual Progress Report metrics were shared with the committee for their review and feedback.

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Digvir Jayas, Chair