

2020 Task Force
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015

Called to order: 3:07

Attending: Linda Hon and Randy Bennett (chairs), Katrice Graham, Mindy McAdams, Matt Sheehan, Bennie Torres, James Babanikos, Tom Kelleher, Amy Jo Coffey, Ann Christiano

Task force reviewed comments and notes from individual department meetings.

Most comments and requests for clarity were around social good imperative.

Blog is now live.

Next discussion: where does this group's role end?

What we've done last three months is not a true strategic plan, but gives us some pillars or a framework that we can then plan around.

Perhaps taking this to a vote and drilling down to strategies.

Provost's office has asked for strategy by March 1.

Have smaller group finalize the framework and pull together strategic plan.

Lots of opportunity for subgroups and discovery. This group reconvenes once or twice a month.

Subgroup comes up with framework for vote, then subgroup writes plan. Discovery is a parallel process.

Suggestion to create 5 subgroups to identify 5 areas for discovery in terms of big trends likely to affect fields and higher ed.

What do we have that we can leverage as distinct?

Today we're proud of immersion opportunities.

Let's pick the topics we want to look at especially if looking at peer institutions.

Research areas:

Diversity: makeup of students, demand for diversity among PhDs, best practices in hiring and recruiting

Research landscape: what are we doing well now?

Economic landscape: what will affect us in the state, demographics, more students from out of state and international

Media landscape: business insider state of the media report

Technology: probably fits under all others.

Higher education

Discovery should focus on high-level trends affecting these areas.

Keen pressure around March 1.

Next steps:

Present summary and plan to move forward at the faculty meeting Thursday, December 11.

Invite faculty to join discovery teams.

Present discovery at open meetings in a larger space in early January.

Sub group simultaneously develops strategic plan that would go to vote in early-mid February.