

***STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE***  
***Minutes Reported for Dr. Dana Keating***  
***Submitted by Peggy McDowell***

**Person Presiding:** Dr. Dana Keating

**Location Held:** B 202

**Date:** September 29, 2010

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Aaron Alford, Sarah Bond, Lori, Cox, Donna Hearn, Greg McCulloch, Kurt Miyashiro, Amy Murphy, Joni Pulliam, Jonah Rice, Ed Rose, Debbie Suh, Brian Surprenant, Alex Watson, David Wright

**Members Absent:** Ralph Boots, Ed Fitzgerald, Jane Flannigan, Gary Jones, Diane King, Stacy Moore, Donna Patton, Tim Walker, Karen Weiss

**Others Present:** Peggy McDowell

Dr. Keating informed the group that the purpose of today's meeting was to make a decision on the option of extending our current 2006 – 2011 Strategic Plan to 2012 because of the status of the state and possible changes after the election. This would have been our transition year for beginning the process of developing the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan. This proposal would make next year (2011-2012) the transition year. We would continue to add new initiatives and meet the deadlines already in the plan. We would just wait one additional year to revamp the whole strategic plan structure.

Dr. Rice

- There are more questions than answers in Springfield. The state owes 62 million dollars to colleges from last year. We have six vouchers, three for base operating expenses, and three for equalization. We have received one payment for base operating expenses. We need to prioritize and optimize. This is an age of a "new normal."
- Higher Education Finance will be revisited with a report due out in December. They are looking at performance based funding for some areas.
- Recommends extending the plan one more year. At that time we will know more of the direction in which the state is going.

Dr. Keating noted that the HLC will be moving us to the new Pathways Accreditation Process. This will also impact our planning.

Greg McCulloch said he had no strong opinion either way; however, he does not want to see us become complacent. There are grants and other ways of funding what needs to be done.

Dr. Rice stated that we will continue to add initiatives; the strategic plan is a living document. The work will not stop. We just want to postpone revamping the whole 5-year plan until we receive mandates from the state.

Dr. Keating confirmed that we will still add new initiatives into the current plan and just extend the plan for one year rather than reinvent the plan at this time.

Dr. Rice believes the initiatives will change in the next four months. We will know in December what it is going to look like.

Ed Rose stated if we rework the plan right now and things change in four months, then we would have to rework the plan again.

David Wright suggested that we revisit the issue in January.

Dr. Keating received a consensus from the group to extend the current plan for one more year. All due dates and schedules for this plan will stay the same. Submissions for this year's plan are due October 22. She asked the committee to share this decision with their divisions and departments.