Staff Council Feedback Session
May 6, 2009

At the request of the staff council, Vice Provost Cindy Pemberton and Dean Lawrence Dreyfus presented an abbreviated version of the strategic plan to accommodate a very full agenda. The chair had previously asked all staff council members to attend one of the town hall meetings or view the draft plan on the website (www.umkc.edu/strategicplanning).

Feedback

Q: Should we start using the Strategic Plan in draft form as units begin planning for next year or should we wait.
A: Since most of the plan comes from our mission, it would not be bad to use it as a general guide. There will be changes made to the final plan so don’t make any large changes now based on the draft.

Q: Can we share the plan externally?
A: Yes, Gail and Leo have already had three sessions with external constituents. They plan to make visits to additional external constituents through the summer. If you do share the plan with anyone externally or if you have feedback yourself, please share it with the steering committee through the feedback tool found on the website (www.umkc.edu/StrategicPlanning/Feedback/)

We should have an on-going strategic planning committee that is tasked with keeping the plan on track so it doesn’t sit on the shelf.

Q: Have we considered budget through the planning?
A: The budget was not a big part of the original draft. It will be considered more specifically as we create subsequent drafts and as we move into the implementation phases.

We need to enhance communication between units at the university and between UMKC and the community.

Maybe we should create a communications taskforce at UMKC.