

Notes from the Strategic Planning Forums March 21-22, 2006

To the Strategic Planning Committee,
 On the left in the table below are the suggestions from the two Forums.
 On the right are some ideas on what to do with the suggestions.

The discussions suggested two new Goals, one for the physical aspects of the campus, and one for technology. There are sketches for each. The physical is in item 12, and the technology is item 18.

Please add your thoughts on the right, and email this back to me. Your response can be a simple as 'OK' if you think an idea is good. Especially take a look at the projected two new goals and add or revise objectives.

Please respond by Thursday, March 30, 2006. We will put everything together on Friday. The revised draft has to be in the hands of the Executive Committee by early next week.

Thanks again for all your hard work and contributions so far.

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	Forums on Strategic Plan – 21-22 March 2006: Suggestions/Recommendations	Thoughts on how to incorporate into the draft plan
	<u>Goal I: The Academic Program</u>	
1.	More emphasis on faculty research: Suggestion: revise objective 5 “Improve faculty intellectual life	Add an Objective 6: Support and empower faculty to conduct research in line with the mission and goals of the College.
2.	Can MBRs program be revived? It was an important support for scholarly interaction between students and faculty.	Activity under Objective 6
3.	Encourage faculty to focus research on issues that make sense for the surrounding area – schools, hospitals, etc., have the potential to create opportunities for our students.	Activity under Objective 6
4.	Retention of adjuncts to be included	Reword Objective 5: Improve full time and part time faculty recruitment and retention
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make events such as conferences easier to hold; • have an office to coordinate activities • College events should have priority over community with regard to space; • provide tech support and set up; 	The first 2 are in the existing plan activities. The third could be added as an activity The last could be an activity, or be moved to a new 'Technology' goal

6.	Online courses: Pres. Keizs said: Encourage without setting any amt of courses	Include as activity under Objective 2
	<u>Goal II: Student Recruitment and Retention</u>	
7.	Diversity: partner in Black Male Initiative	Add activity for Objective 5
8.	Health services need improvement, especially at registration	Include as Objective in Goal II
9.	Need for counseling for faculty and staff	This is a benefits issue.
10.	Faculty and staff need to be treated the same way students should be: this will improve the way services are delivered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ support ○ training ○ supplies 	Activity in Goal II, Obj. 5
11.	#4: Specifics needed on how new Curricula are included in Bulletin - procedure, timeline	Activity under Goal III, Obj. 4
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Union Building: where are we? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pres. Keizs: we should make it an objective since it is still in University plan ○ Meanwhile, design some space ● Can we include Dorms as a way to recruit/retain students who now leave for SUNY? ● Physical plant issues: cleanliness, need for more classrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ lockers or cloak room for students ○ copy center for students ○ student lounges <p>Space study needed</p>	<p>Make a new additional Goal for all the items having to do with the Physical plant:</p> <p>Goal VI: Improve the Physical Plant</p> <p>Objective 1: Develop and implement a plan for improving the cleanliness and appearance of the campus.</p> <p>Objective 2: Obtain space for a student union</p> <p>Objective 3: Increase classroom space.</p> <p>Objective 4: Provide space for students, including lockers, lounges, etc.</p> <p>There were other items involving the physical plant – they can be moved here.</p>
	<u>GOAL III: Systems</u>	
13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggestion: put all forms on line as Word files that can be completed on line, not as PDF files. ● Suggestion: web grade submission 	These can be activities under Objective 4, or moved to a new Technology Goal (see idea at the end)
14.	Suggestion: E- Reserve for class materials	Could be an activity in Objective 4, or be moved to a new 'Technology' goal

15.	Suggestion: laptops for all students	Could be an activity under Goal II or could be part of a new 'Technology goal
	<u>Goal IV: External</u>	
16.	Partnerships: 1) Build a mentoring program with alumni. 2) Seek corporate sponsorship of college activities. 3) Encourage faculty to be proactive in promoting the college. Promotion: More exposure in local papers.	Items 1 and 2 are in the current list of activities Item 3 – add to Objective 3
	<u>Technology:</u>	
17.	1) Need to upgrade user technology to meet the needs of students coming in with experience from high school – e.g., special lab equipment such as sensors. We should find out what they are using, and match or exceed it. 2) We had the ability to teleconference, but it was rarely used. 3) Make more use of the campus TV facilities. A home-grown series of shows could promote the college, and give a source of York materials for CUNYTV.	These items, while related, did not all fit together in our current structure. That suggested making a separate Goal for technology, and moving all related items to that Goal. Otherwise, 1) can be an activity under Goal I, Objective 2 2) can be in Goal III, Objective 4? 3) can be in Goal IV, Objective 3
18.		Suggestion for a new tech goal: Goal VII: Improve access to technology Objectives: covering areas such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • classrooms • lab equipment • library • distance learning • professional development of faculty and staff • retention – electronic early alert, integration of advisement, tutoring, testing and counseling • use of TV productions and teleconferencing