

Academic Assessment Committee

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Present: Kirk Jones, Johanna Lee, Jennifer Sovde, David Button, Tatsuhito Koya, Cullen Haskins, Christina Brassard, Wil Rivers, Erin Voisin

Guests: Dr. Szafran and Dr. De Cooke

- Change to a continuous strategic planning process
- A pyramid structure has been set up – 7 goals
 - Promote academic excellence – the AAC covers this area
 - Create a robust, active and enriching student life - Non-AAC covers this area
 - Focus on Sustainability – The Sustainability Committee covers this area
 - Optimizing Enrollment – The Enrollment Management Committee covers this area
 - Enhancing diversity and welcome – The Diversity and Inclusion Committee covers this area
 - To improve operational effectiveness – The Operations Committee covers this area
 - Build greater awareness and community engagement – The Community Engagement Committee covers this area
- Continue to do what we are doing as a committee and make recommendations
- Send recommendations to the appropriate next level up
 - Provost's Cabinet and Academic Strategic Planning Committee
 - Facilities and Technology Infrastructure Planning Committee
 - The Executive Diversity Council
 - The Executive Cabinet
- We will be asked to assess whatever we recommend
- The continuous strategic plan will lead us to close the loop and use the data compiled through the committee, which is where Middle States wants us to go
- There were comments and ideas offered from the committee members
 - There is a need for qualitative data as well as quantitative
 - A Center for Teaching and Learning was suggested to support instructors
 - There is a need for a strong mentoring program. The idea of a paid mentor position was mentioned.
 - A help chain for instructors to seek help was posed
 - Access to raw data rather than summarized was requested