

# **University Leadership Council Meeting Notes**

**July 31, 2014**

Members Present: Lisa Rossbacher, Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Mary Hackett, Denise Helwig, Alex Hwu, Anna Kircher, Michael Le, Joyce Lopes, Cyril Oberlander, Frank Whitlatch, Rhea Williamson, Craig Wruck, Noah Zerbe

Guests: Jena' Burges, Mary Glenn

## **President's Report**

President Rossbacher updated the group on the Governor's Innovation in Higher Education Award that provides \$50 million for educational institutions in California to pursue innovation that improves student success. Vice Presidents Blake and Zorn will consult and submit a proposal for HSU.

## **University Executive Committee Purpose**

The group discussed the draft statement of purpose and agreed to change the name of the group to the University Leadership Council (ULC) to better reflect its purpose. The purpose of the ULC is threefold: Advising the President on issues that benefit from a broad perspective; Sharing information; and, Serving as a "think tank" to collectively envision the future of higher education, including the academic disciplines and the range of support functions, both for universities in general and for HSU in particular.

The group agreed that there should be a process by which planning and talking are turned in to action items. Presentations that are made in the ULC could also be taken out to the larger campus community in various formats.

## **Strategic Plan**

The group discussed ideas for the structure of strategic plan development, including using existing committees. The President's Office is researching recent strategic plan processes used at other CSUs. The ULC can help guide and coordinate the strategic planning process but it's likely that a separate committee will lead the process. The group agreed that the strategic plan must actually be used to guide subsequent campus planning, including more detailed implementation plans for facilities, enrollment, academics, athletics, fundraising, and more.

## **General Discussion**

The group spent some time brainstorming ideas for improving retention and graduation rates.

## **Next Meeting**

The next ULC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14 at 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the CCR. Library Dean Cyril Oberlander will present on the future of libraries.