

**NM Tech Strategic Planning Committee  
Meeting Summary**

Date: January 15, 2014

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Speare Hall

Committee Chair: Lorie Liebrock, Dean of Graduate Studies

Process Facilitators: Melissa Jaramillo and Frank Reinow

Members in attendance:

Lorie Liebrock

Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming

Frank Reinow

Mike Hargather

Delilah Vega-Walsh

Michael Heagy

Tom Engler

Pat Valentine

Thom Guengerich

Collin Hellwig

Yolante Van Wijk

Van Romero

Bill Stone

Snezna Rogelj

Iver Davidson

Steve Simpson

Joe Franklin

Sara Grijalva

Gabrielle Miller

Bob Bezanson

Colleen Guengerich

Steve Hicks

Mike Timmons

Absent: Sonnenfeld, Dowdle, Tripp, Benalil

Meeting Objectives:

1. To reach agreement on the vision statement for the university.
2. To discuss the integration of NM Tech's accreditation process with the strategic planning process.
3. To initiate discussion of the NM Tech mission statement.
4. To reach agreement on the timeline for completion of the strategic plan

Meeting Summary

1. Review meeting objective and agenda
  - a. Identify additions/modifications to the objectives and agenda.

2. Update on the strategic planning process
  - a. Proposed timeline for completion of the strategic plan
  - b. Development of the strategic planning website
  - c. Meeting schedule discussion

Decision: With only two people who have conflicts for Wednesday meetings, the committee decided to keep meetings at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Decision: The website should be online by the end of the week.

3. Discuss integration of the NM Tech accreditation process with strategic planning process
  - a. Presentation on the NM Tech accreditation process and timeline
  - b. Identify specific areas requiring compliance with the accreditation process
  - c. Discuss integration with the NM Tech strategic planning process

Discussion: Mary Dezember presented an overview of how the Strategic Plan is an integral part of the re-accreditation process, emphasizing that the plan should be collaborative and sustainable. Mary said much of the focus of re-accreditation is on retention, persistence and completion. Committee members discussed some of Tech's efforts in these areas, including a newly increased math requirement for transfer students.

Committee members discussed a systemic problem with transfers counting as "failures," even when those students earn a degree elsewhere.

4. Develop vision statement
  - a. Review SPC member perspectives on the vision statement (worksheet 2)
  - b. Identify areas of agreement and disagreement
  - c. Discuss options for reaching consensus
  - d. Questions and answers

Decision: A subcommittee was formed to draft a vision statement: Iver Davidson, Van Romero, Yolante Van Wijk, Joe Franklin and Colin Hellwig.

Discussion: Committee members identified some of our assumptions about Tech:

- Humanities strengthens STEM
- Humanities provides broader view of STEM
- New Mexico tech will continue to focus on STEM
- STEM is lacking contributions from humanities
- STEM with a well-rounded education

- Assumptions about humanities
- Essential part of science/engineering is to integrate humanities and technologies
- Communication is essential for students to grow to become effective employees

Discussion: Committee members identified Tech's core values:

- Socially enlightened experience
- Ethically responsible
- STEM product that understands
- Learning is a lifelong pursuit
- Integrate life and career

Discussion: Committee members broke into small groups and brainstormed the core components of the vision statement. The common theme from each group was "Excellence in STEM."

5. Initiate discussion of the NM Tech mission statement
  - a. Overview of mission statement design
  - b. Discuss areas for inclusion in the mission statement
  - c. Questions and answers

Discussion: Briefly discussed difference between mission and vision. Vision draft done within a week in preparation for next meeting.

6. List proposed agenda items for the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.
  - a. Identify committee member responsibilities for follow up
  - b. Identify committee homework preparation for next meeting
  - c. Establish date and time for next meeting

Decision: Frank Reinow will post materials for mission statement to be read by committee members, including an exercise in preparation for next meeting.

Decision: The website should be up within a week. Thom Guengerich will begin posting articles and other public materials as they become available.

Decision: Next meeting will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, in the CITL.

7. Adjourn