



GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: Strategic Planning Committee

For the Period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

From July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, there were five meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the main focus for this Committee for the year was the development of a new comprehensive strategic plan for the institution.

Members: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/governance/strategic-planning-members>

Meetings:

Typically, the Strategic Planning Committee meets twice per year. First, as part of the University Budget Process, the committee convenes to discuss the draft University Budget as it relates to strategic priorities for the university. Secondly, the committee meets to review and provide input for the Progress and Achievement Report. However, given that the institution is proceeding with the development of a new comprehensive strategic plan this committee met frequently over the last year.

September 18, 2023:

This was the first SPC meeting for me. The integrated strategic planning process was discussed and a draft workplan was shared outlining engagement objectives, principles and milestones. A preliminary list of stakeholders was identified and discussed.

November 9, 2023:

Dr. Leroy Little Bear provided insights into the interweaving of Indigenous perspectives as we develop the strategic plan and to approach things in a holistic manner. He, and Shanda Webber, noted that the Indigenous Governance Process would be utilized as the plan develops. Further discussion highlighted that all areas on campus ensure that their planning aligns with the overall institutional strategic plan and directions.

The public announcement related to the strategic planning process was presented and discussed before being finalized. In addition, brief updates regarding the first two engagement sessions that were held with the Board of Governors and Senate was provided.

Lastly, conversation surrounding the engagement process was beneficial as it identified stakeholders to be included as well as format of engagement sessions ranging from survey, focus group, world cafes.

March 11, 2024:

An update of the strategic planning engagement sessions that occurred from November – March was provided to the committee.

A provincial budget update was provided by President Jayas and Nancy Walker and a document was shared with the committee highlighting the impact of this funding.

The university's capital project priorities report was provided to ensure that these projects and initiatives are shared broadly with GFC members.

Lastly, an update regarding external engagement sessions for the strategic plan development was given. These included alumni events in Vancouver, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.

April 2, 2024:

A strategic planning update was provided noting that the survey has had considerable uptake and that the alumni events were successful.

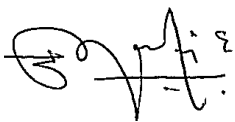
The annual progress report was discussed, and it was noted that this report would only provide metrics this year while the qualitative information would be included in a more broadly consumed community report.

An update on the budget plan for the university was provided and a presentation was given by Nancy Walker and Cathy Kanashiro outlining the details.

April 30, 2024:

The draft metrics to be used in the annual progress report were provided and reviewed with comments and suggestions taken forward for consideration.

An update regarding the roll out of the strategic plan was given and it was discussed that this would occur in early 2025 to allow sufficient time for writing and asset development in the fall of 2024. Also, an update and summary of initial review of data collected through world café's and other engagement sessions was provided that indicated recurring themes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Digvir Jayas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Digvir Jayas, Chair