Summary of Planning Day Discussion

Strategic Plan Session

Approximately 70-75 attendees.

Discussion and questions mostly involved process questions and linkage to the budget process. The solicitation of action plans did not go as smoothly as we had hoped because of the delay in implementing the budget process, and action plan forms were not sent out with the budget forms. The presenters were actually missing some action plan proposals from student affairs, and one action plan from LIS involving the purchase of scheduling software has already been funded from end of year funds this year. Since this is the first time we have tried to link budget and planning, we made some mistakes, and will improve for next year.

Each available action plan was briefly presented. Questions were raised about a few plans that were not explicitly linked to strategic plan initiatives and were essentially operational in nature. The Provost indicated that those items would be considered separately.

Can the proposals be available on-line? We answered that they could be, either on the strategic planning website or through electronic reserves in the library.

A question was asked about budgeting and strategic planning now compared to a few years ago. Essentially, we were not involved in budget planning at all in the past, so, despite some details that need to be improved, like timing, we are much further ahead than we were with both processes.

We do need to establish formal oversight of the solicitation, review, and funding of action plans, probably through an existing campus group, such as resources and planning.