Committee Members Present:  Dr. Lesley Di Mare  
Dr. Tony Scinta  
Dr. Larry Rudd  
Ms. Jan Saulpaugh  
Mr. Kavon Jones  
Dr. Gregory Robinson  
Ms. Patricia Ring  
Mr. Adeste Sipin  
Ms. Ashley Sylvester  
Ms. Kate Hahn  

Committee Members Absent:  Mr. Buster Neel  

The meeting began at 3:45 PM  

1. Minutes  

Dr. Di Mare asked the committee to review the minutes from the September 26, 2008 meeting.  
The committee approved the minutes with revisions.  

2. 2009-2011 Academic Plan  

Dr. Di Mare stated that during the recent Board of Regents meeting, the Academic Affairs Council discussed the integration of the Institutional Strategic Plan, the Academic Master Plan and the NSHE Planning Report. It was decided that each institution’s academic plan should extend over a two year period. This decision was based on the recent budget cuts as well as the biennial budget cycle.  

The committee reviewed the academic plan for grammatical errors and proceeded with eliminating programs extending beyond 2011. Dr. Di Mare stated that she will work with Dr. Mayfield to expand the description of the Bachelor of Science in Deaf Education program. She will also develop a description and budget estimation for the School of Business as well as work with Dr. Kuniyuki on developing a description and budget estimation for the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics program. Dr. Di Mare reminded the committee that the final version of the academic plan is due to NSHE on Monday, October 20, 2008.  

3. Review and revise NSC mission statement  

The committee briefly discussed revising the mission statement and including it in the 2009-2011 Academic Plan. After reviewing page 68 of the Strategic Planning Retreat transcripts, the following ideas were recommended for inclusion:  

- Dedication to diversity and serving underrepresented populations  
- Strive to become the best second tier institution on the Western region  
- Strive for mission to be comparable to the CSU system  
- Community-centered  
- Quality public school
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- Student-centered, including personal attention and interaction with professors
- Focused on the First Year Experience
- Grounded in Liberal Arts
- Emphasis on academic rigor

A subcommittee was formed and charged with revising the current mission statement. The subcommittee included Mr. Kavon Jones, Dr. Gregory Robinson, Dr. Tony Scinta, Dr. Larry Rudd and Ms. Jan Saulpaugh. A revised draft is due to Ms. Adams by Thursday, October 16th and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5:00 PM