Freeman provided the committee with some clarification on expected output – the report should have measurable actions. A steering committee will begin work on an implementation plan. Assignments to be accountable and progress will be measured. There should be realistic goals but it is OK if not all are achieved. President Leath is expecting one to two overarching measures that can be used in the next six year in the theme area. The second tier list could include a list of measurable things (laundry list) but will still need to be tracked.

What is the highest priority for which to allocate new funds? What will make this a better University because of these measurable items? What do we need to protect for student success in times of budget cuts? What is “essential”? “Need to know?” “Nice to know?”

Wagner reported on the Student Experience Web feedback with ~100 respondents. The following is a summary of that feedback:

* overcrowding on buses, housing, dining, sidewalks, labs, Ames, library, late night events, recreation, etc.
* concerns about shortage of Thielen and SCS staff, and advisers time demands/student loads
* unmet demand for courses
* supporting students clubs and orgs with space and $
* frustrations that students are a number or a $ and that the university does not care
* graduate student concerns about assistantships, year round funding and benefits

What can be quantifiable? Number of advisees per academic adviser. What is a best practice number? Would it be different between departments? Colleges?

Harmon noted that we need to strategically manage our enrollment. Will there be space for all? Financial resources?

Current student faculty to student ratio is 19-1. We would like those numbers to be 16-1. We need to set a goal for what is should be.

We need meet or exceed standards for advising, service providers, student/faculty ratio. As far as underrepresented graduation, there seems to be “no significant difference” between majority or non majority.
Wohlgemuth noted that the SWOT needs to transition into metrics (measurable). Laundry list if 90% retention; 70% graduation (per President Leath). What are we currently measuring in regards to student experience? Information can be found in: IR Fact Book, BOR Strategic Plan; NSSE report. What makes us a “student centered” university?

There should be three main points and then review the SWOT to put measurable actions into each point.

Next meeting will be Friday, January 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in 1306 Elings Hall.