Strategic Planning Council Meeting Notes
February 5, 2016

In attendance: Scott Barton, Jacqueline Bennett, Ruth Carr, Rhea Nowak, Todd Foreman, Michael Koch, Darryl Lincoln, Katherine Lydakis, Janet Nepkie, Deb Parisian, John Schaumloffel with Laura Emmett taking notes. Eileen Morgan-Zayachek and Paul Adamo were also in attendance.

There was no Chair’s report.
Eileen Morgan-Zayachek updated the group on the progress of the following SPC action plan items:

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<td>Develop &quot;Degree of Distinction&quot; that recognizes and rewards students for leadership, engagement, and independent learning</td>
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<td>Formalize Center for Excellence to serve as the focal point of activity for advancing teaching, learning, and engagement</td>
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<td>Increase opportunities for students to be mentored</td>
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1B: Eileen stated that an open forum pertaining to the proposed Faculty Center is from 2-3 p.m. today (2.5.16) as well as next Friday (2.12.16).

1A: The Degree of Distinction will be renamed the Engaged Learning Award Program. A task force was assigned to do research and make a preliminary report to the COI for further action.

A few questions and comments arose from this:
- Todd Foreman: Who would administer this? Eileen stated that committee will administer.
- Katherine Lydakis: The Student Association is very excited about this program. When will this be available? Eileen stated that the earliest it could be available is Spring 017.
- Michael Koch: Concerned that the COI would not have enough time to review this proposal to put it into action.

1D: the timeframe for this has been extended to October 2016. Each cabinet member was asked to designate time for this at a staff meeting,

As there was nothing for the good of the order, the meeting ended at 4 p.m.