Strategic Planning Committee

Present: James Mullen, Chair; Gregory Cyr, Susan Gendron, Charles Johnson, Donald McDowell (via phone), Matthew Rodrigue, Wickham Skinner, and Margaret Weston. Chancellor Joseph Westphal. Staff: Tracy Bigney, James Breece, John Diamond, John Lisnik, Elsa Nuñez, Judy Ryan, Kelley Wiltbank, and Joanne Yestramski.

Trustee Mullen, Chair, convened the meeting and opened it with the following comments about the Board of Trustees Retreat held on February 24, 2004 and its ramifications on the Strategic Planning Initiative.

Outcome of retreat
- The Plan beginning to be formulated was a good one
- Principles on which it is based are valid
- Directions being contemplated are appropriate
- There was consensus on the underlying assumptions (i.e. demographics, budget, and financial gap)
- Received wisdom from consultants
  - Kay Rand and Larry Benoit
- Acknowledge many decisions still to be made
- Need to devote attention to implementation
- Good momentum – a lot to do
- UMS needs to proceed at appropriate speed and on appropriate paths

Chancellor Westphal stated that he met with John Fitzsimmons of the Community College System and shared some ideas of the plan because he felt he needed to know the nuances of what the UMS plan would have on the Community College.

On a motion by Trustee Cyr, which was seconded by Trustee Johnson, the Committee went into Executive Session.

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Adjournment.

J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk