

Strategic Planning Committee  
College of Biological Sciences  
Autumn 2007

Membership:

Faculty Advisory Committee  
One Staff Member  
Two Graduate Students TBA  
One Undergraduate Student TBA  
Rich Hall (*ex officio*)  
Nancy Tomei (*ex officio*)

Charge:

The Strategic Planning Committee will examine relevant data and place them into the current University context to discharge its three central responsibilities:

1. Respond to the Provost's directives concerning a strategic plan.
2. Make recommendations about the College's resource base:
  - a. How might the College augment its income?
  - b. How can the College better align its expenditures to its aspirations?
  - c. What is the appropriate balance among competing priorities (e.g. space upgrades, startup costs, subsidy of IGPs, fee authorizations for GRAs on grants)?
  - d. Should we allocate more resources to units as earned?
3. Make recommendations about streamlining and realigning the College administrative structure
  - a. What is the optimal number of departments for a College our size?
  - b. What is the optimal configuration of departments, centers, schools, programs, and other units?
  - c. Are there strategic partnerships we should develop or focus on? Are there partnerships that are no longer serve the College well?

The Strategic Planning Committee should seek broad input from College faculty, staff, and students on these issues. The Committee may also wish to identify best practices outside the College.

Timeline: A final report with explicit recommendations to the College is due by the end of Winter Quarter 2008. We will use the annual College Faculty meeting in spring quarter for discussion and developing an action plan.