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**Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP)  
Thursday, October 22, 2015**

**3:00 PM, President's Conference Room, Green Hall**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Provost Don DeHayes, *Chairperson*, Linda Welters, *Vice Chairperson*, Laura Beauvais, James Kinnie, Kyle Kusz, Ann Morrissey, Naomi Thompson, George Tsaitas, Tammy Vargas Warner, Nasser Zawia, and Lindsay McLennan, President, Graduate Student Association.

**Members Absent:** Marilyn Barbour, Susan Trostle Brand (for Norma Owens), Mary Jo Gonzales, Damon Rarick, Gerald Sonnenfeld, and Mary Sullivan.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. Minutes from August 28, 2015 and September 24, 2015 were approved.

**2. Announcements**

The Provost thanked Senators Welters and Kusz for their presentation of the Strategic Academic Plan to the Faculty Senate on October 15. He thanked Ms. Morrissey for her work to incorporate all committee and task force feedback into the draft of the Plan. The Provost said that his student advisory board had expressed enthusiasm for the issues that were being addressed in the Plan, for example, expanding undergraduate research opportunities.

**Ongoing Business**

- a. Ms. Morrissey directed Committee members' attention to the community feedback on the Plan that had been submitted online. Each comment was reviewed, considered individually, and changes were made to the language in the Plan. Revised goal, strategy, and action statements are noted on the attached draft of the plan (yellow highlighting).
- b. The next steps toward completion of the Plan were discussed. The Committee discussed presenting the Plan to the Faculty Senate at the November 19 Senate meeting and moving approval of a resolution to support the Plan.

- c. The Committee discussed plans for the annual Academic Summit to be held on January 22, 2016. It was suggested to align the theme with the revised Academic Plan, to solicit ideas to that would help realize the actions in the Plan. Discussion followed.
- d. Senator Welters and Vice Provost Beauvais said they would draft language for the resolution to the Senate.
- e. Senator Welters and Ms. Warner said they would assist in planning for the Summit.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.