I. Call to Order and Introductions.

II. Approval of July 12, 2011 minutes.

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III. Discussion Items:
   A. Core Themes with Ron Larsen

   Core #1: Objective #1
   The council discussed distinguishing between students and graduates.
   - will have vs. will
     Our students will achieve vs. Our graduates will have achieved
   - graduates are perceived with in students.
   - leave students and put graduates in indicators.
     or vice versa
   The council agreed to have students changed to graduates.

   Objective #4:
   Clarify the objective regarding taking courses outside of their discipline. Needs balance within disciplines with less flexibility. i.e. Nursing & Business
   Core 2.0 satisfies this objective.

   Core #2: Objective #1
   The council is ok with clarifying staff in regards to the indicators.

   Core #3:
   There should be some objectives added so there is more than just education. Are we missing outreach efforts in this theme, for example Shakespeare in the Parks.

   Objectives relate to access but what are they accessing. We need something else that tells what is the quality of material that is produced, what is the service and integrity of that operation.
Suggestion:
Our graduates go out and help or improve the community around them.

Suggestion:
Engage Communities rather than Serves Communities

Objective #2
The suggestion was made to remove ‘reported by faculty’ in the last indicator. Educating students rather than community.

The council thought Core #3&4 needed to be balanced.

The council asked that ‘qualified students’ be clarified.

Service should include accessibility.

Core #4:
Integration elements were pulled out of each of the other Core Themes and given its own Core Theme.

Objective 4:
The wording of this objective was questioned in regards to the tie-in with the indicators.

Have the tools/opportunities to create the MSU community.

Trying to capture vitality, mutual respect, vibrant, curiosity, campus culture.

Suggested rewording:
1. Faculty, staff and students will work together to create a vibrant MSU community.
2. The results of the integration will be visible and observable.
3. MSU is known for an/a academic/campus environment that creates/continues to create synergies within and across disciplines, roles and functions (teaching, research, service).

Core #5:
The council pointed out a lack of language consistency. Use of verbs and in other places use faculty, staff and students.

Suggestion: Reword all the Core Themes as a description of a ‘state’ rather than an ‘action’. (i.e. Publicly provided resources are utilized…)

B. Future Planning Council Meetings
The Council will need to come up with strategic priorities by the end of December.
IV. Other Business
   A. Reschedule September meeting time
      Announcement was made concerning a conflict in September and as a result the
      need to reschedule the meeting time; they were asked to look for an email from
      Jen Joyce.

   Next Meeting: Thursday, September 29, 11:00am, Location President’s Conference Room