Keene State College Strategic Planning Council Spring 2015

Minutes February 10, 2015

Present: D. Beaman, C. Burke, P. Cuper (Co-Chair), W. Holden, R. Kostick, J. Lagace, D. Paley, E. Proshansky, P. Stevenson, P. Striffolino (Co-Chair), L. Ware, M. Welsh, L. Wiley, K. Williams

Co-Chairs' Report

Paul and Pru reported on President Huot's All-Campus Meeting held on Friday, February 6, noting that a great deal of the President's report focused on the strategic planning process and the status of our efforts to date. She also talked about the other related ongoing initiatives, including the student learning outcomes project being facilitated by Keeling & Associates; the human capital inventory being conducted by Sibson Consulting; and the resource evaluation being conducted by Dick Cannon.

In response to questions, Paul and Pru affirmed that the student learning outcomes project is part of the strategic planning process but that it is separate, being overseen by Pat Dolenc, who is chairing the effort, and a group of faculty and staff members. Pru emphasized that this effort is focused on general, college-wide learning outcomes as opposed to specific, discipline-based outcomes. Overall, the group expressed the concern that more communication was needed about this effort, and in particular how it relates to strategic planning. Chris Burke, who serves on the outcomes committee, offered to share this perspective at that group's next meeting.

Break-Out Groups

Paul and Pru distributed a handout that contained a listing of the eight strategic themes identified to this point through the work of Keeling & Associates as well as more specific issues and concepts that emerged from the all-campus retreat held on January 30. For the rest of the meeting time, groups of 3-4 SPC members examined these themes and concepts and organized them into groupings that might get us closer to our final set of strategic goals, with the objective of reducing the eight themes to a smaller number (i.e., 4 or so). At the end of this exercise, Paul and Pru said they would type up the proposed schemes and distribute them to the SPC prior to the next meeting.