The following report summarizes main outcomes relating to strategic planning from January 15th to January 28th 2011, and provides a brief overview of planned future activities/strategic planning committee (SPC) meetings. Minutes and papers of all meetings are available on the strategic planning website at: http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/strategicplan/strategicplanningcommittee.php#Meetingschedule.

Update from meetings held

During the period of this report, an SPC meeting was held on January 21st. This meeting focused on reviewing initial feedback on the draft mission and vision statements, preparing for the town-hall consultation sessions, and a discussion on implementation of the strategic plan. No SPC meeting was held in the week commencing January 24th because of town-hall sessions on the draft mission and vision statements (see below).

Draft mission and vision consultation

- Over the past two weeks, we have been consulting on the draft mission and vision statements that we developed:

  Draft mission statement

  'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi

  One learns from many sources

  UH Hilo is committed to interactive learning, discovery, and creativity to benefit our increasingly intercultural communities.

  Draft vision statement

  UH Hilo is a community of scholars working together across disciplines and differences to address real world issues. Every student engages in practical experiences connected to the people and environment of Hawai'i, preparing them to compete, innovate, and lead in their professional and personal lives.

If you are interested in viewing UH Hilo’s previous mission and vision statements please visit http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/strategicplan/2002-2010/vision_mission.php
• The purpose of the consultation was to seek constructive feedback from UH Hilo stakeholders – students, faculty, staff, community members and other external partners – to help us improve and clarify the statements. Alongside direct feedback to SPC members, there were two formal mechanisms through which stakeholders were invited to provide feedback:
  o An online survey that ran from January 17th to January 28th. The survey closed at 2pm on the 28th with 128 responses.
  o Attendance at one of four open town-hall sessions in the week commencing January 24th. There were 32 participants across these four sessions.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this consultation for their valued input and constructive comments – mahalo!

Implementation

• Part of our charge is to advise the Chancellor on implementation of the strategic plan. We are conscious that such a discussion should not wait until the strategic plan is completed, but rather that there are process issues that should be considered now to ensure a smooth transfer from the development to the implementation phase. Therefore, we had our first major discussion on implementation mechanisms at our January 21st meeting.

Forthcoming meetings/planned activities

Mission and Vision Further Development

• Over the coming weeks, we will identify common issues coming out of the consultation so that we can improve and clarify the draft statements. We recognize that we still have work to do and will base the changes that we make to the mission and vision on your views and comments. We may not be able to directly respond to everyone’s individual comments or suggestions, but we will look across the board and across all stakeholder groups to address the areas of most concern. A summary report of the feedback we received and our subsequent actions will be issued by the end of February.