

# Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee AY23

Meeting #7, November 15, 2022

Meeting held via TEAMS

Present: Kevin Cantwell (Chair), Stephen Svonavec (Recorder), David Sims, Keisha Fields, Richard Kilburn, Marc Miller, Amanda Register, Mary Wearn, Rod McRae, Kendra Russell, Charles Richardson, Tracy Green, Lorraine Dubuisson, Modupe Oyewole, Jennifer Brannon (Guest)

Excused: Mary Roberts, Margo Woodham, Martin Kehayes

The meeting convened at 4:01 PM

The agenda was approved by voice vote with one modification. The minutes of meeting #6 (October 18, 2022) were approved by voice vote.

Jennifer Brannon spoke to the committee on plans regarding athletics moving forward as part of current strategic plan. She placed the current situation for MGA athletics in perspective before discussing possibilities for the future. This included a recent feasibility study carried out regarding the future of MGA athletics, with possibilities examined including of becoming part of NCAA Division II or switching conferences in NAIA. Consultants were at MGA earlier in the Fall 2022 semester. The study looked at opportunities and challenges, especially in regards to our relationship to other USG schools in terms of athletics. She discussed several of these opportunities and challenges in depth. Lengthy discussion ensued, during which she answered questions from the committee about various options moving forward, timelines, and costs, leading to lengthy discussion about benefits and costs of any changes in athletics.

Kevin Cantwell updated the committee on the work of the writing committee in developing draft Strategic Imperatives – he encouraged the committee to review the list (which is available in TEAMS) and modify them or add new ones for consideration. Decisions will need to be made before Christmas so the committee is encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The next meeting will be a writing committee-only meeting preceding a whole-committee meeting. The committee is also encouraged to look at Strategies and Outcomes as well as Imperatives.

Discussion then moved to the recent Strategic Plan Meet-ups in Dublin, Eastman, and Warner Robins. Committee members who attended gave brief reports on the meet-ups, all of which seemed to go well. Kevin Cantwell will report to Senate this Friday on our progress so far, including the meet-ups. There has been some discussion of other engagement opportunities moving forward, including with students in early in Spring semester 2023, no later than mid-January, as well as with community leaders.

Kevin Cantwell reminded the committee that we do need to develop a name for the plan and a possible idea for one – there was brief discussion of this.

He then reminded the committee on our timeline moving forward. The President would like a very rough draft in early January, based on Imperatives, Strategies, and Outcomes to be developed. This draft would likely be presented to Cabinet at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM

Submitted by Stephen Svonavec