

NOTES FROM PRO-STAFF MEETING – STRATEGIC PLAN

Monday, November 08, 2010 – Career Center

Question 1: Is becoming “the premier public liberal arts and sciences institution in the nation” a compelling vision statement for you? Why or why not?

Will not bring students to attend Truman for the college experience; some employers are not impressed; focus on students and service learning bring students to campus to learn to be marketable to the job world;

2) What is the most important priority for Truman over the next five years?

Keeping the doors open; keeping staff; getting students jobs; requiring faculty to work with departments in order for the students to realize how to get jobs;

3) What assumptions about the next five years are reasonable for us to make regarding budget, staffing, technology, political realities, students needs and expectations, and practices in higher education?

Expectations from students and parents will be higher; budget will remain tight; staff and faculty will have to prove worth in order to keep their jobs; majors and programs will have to prove their worth in order to keep; will be a fighting battle between in class and online classes; have to keep technology up to date; prove worth with new generation of politicians;

4) In your opinion, what would be the characteristics of a successful strategic plan for Truman for 2011-2015?

More collaboration with other departments; assessment and then doing something with results; communication; Plan should be more specific in nature and measurable; service learning and which reinforces classroom material; flow chart of whole University or options for re-organization; have assessment in specific area;