

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL FORUM

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

For the most part the women of Panhellenic Council felt that this was not a compelling statement for us. There were various reasons given but the main concerns were that for many majors that Truman offers a liberal arts and science title does not apply. It was also addressed that many of Truman's students came here because of the affordability and that should be included in the statement. However, a few did feel that in fact it was because it shows that we are trying to expand beyond the MO market. It also shows that Truman is trying to provide more than the traditional college education.

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

We feel some of the major priorities are better university spending, getting Truman out of debt without significantly increasing tuition, keeping teacher to student ratio as low as possible and increasing diversity on campus.

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?

We feel a comfortable assumption would be that as long as the recession continues we will continue to have larger freshmen classes. We also believe that the budget will have to be reworked and maintained to deal with the governmental cutbacks and the economic conditions. Technology will need to stay up to date and consistently growing in order to fulfill that goal of a "premier institution." We feel as far as needs and expectations, students just want to know that their education will continue to be above average and have the same highly regarded reputation as Truman has always had.

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

We feel the strategic plan must be reasonable, attainable, realistic, measurable, determinable, clearly defined, fiscally responsible, student centered and someone must be held accountable. We also feel people must be aware of this plan in order for it to be successful.