

**A/P Staff Council Report  
Strategic Planning Committee  
July 20, 2011  
Donald Castle**

The Strategic Planning Committee met as a whole on March 9, 2011 and the Chancellor presented the overall charge to the committee.

**Summary of the charge for the Task Force**

“The current plan, “Southern at 150”, will serve as our starting point while we re-examine our existing strategies and goals and craft a strategic plan that takes into account the changing environment and incorporates “realistic and attainable goals” as identified by the Higher learning Commission Accreditation report.” Co-Chair, Peggy Stockdale provided a more detailed orientation for the entire group and each Lens Group’s chairperson spoke about the focus of their Specific Lens groups.

**The Lens Groups**

Each member of the overall committee has been assigned to one of the 6 specific Lens Group. The Lens Groups are charges with collecting data and generating reports that look at a series of Campus Wide Questions and specific Lens Group questions.

- Teaching/Student Success
- Research/Creative Activities
- Campus Culture/Climate
- External relations
- Finance/Infrastructure
- Future Trends

I was assigned to the Campus Culture/Climate Lens groups chaired by Peggy Stockdale. We met throughout April and May. We also conducted several focus groups to help assess perceptions of the current campus climate. We then generated a report which has been submitted to the committee as a whole. The other Lens Groups also have submitted their reports. These reports are informational in nature and will lead to more detailed discussions in the fall.

**The Final Report**

Drafts of the Final Report should be available for public comment late in the year and the final report is set to complete in January, 2012. More information will be available during the fall semester on the Website: <http://strategicplanning.siuc.edu/>