

Planning Feedback Session

The purpose of this session was to identify and prioritize possible events/issues/trends which EIU needs to address in our planning process.

Group:
Business Affairs Council & Council of Deans

Date:
February 2, 2010

Tool:
Future Timeline

Key Themes (prioritized by the group)

1. Digital/Virtual Everything
 - communication, program/course delivery, demand on our infrastructure
2. Increased Reliance on Alternative Funding Sources
3. Changing Demographics
 - student ethnicity/race, aging workforce, aging student body, increased number of veterans
4. Competition
 - Illinois Community Colleges, competition will be worldwide
5. Decreased Funding
6. Increasing Accountability
 - Academic Programs and Services will reflect what students pay, no discount as state support shrinks
6. Traditional Boundaries Used by Universities Change
 - In-State/Out-of-State Tuition, Interdisciplinary Studies
8. Facilities and Deferred Maintenance
 - state-of-the-art buildings, aging buildings, new construction, need fewer facilities
8. Loss of Seasoned Leadership; Need to Develop New Leaders
10. Optimism About Future for EIU

On the list of key themes listed above, two themes were prioritized equally at 6 and two themes were prioritized equally at 8.

Surprises (not in priority order)

- Nothing about pre-college academic preparation
- Optimism for the future
- Closing of some Illinois universities
- Little about changing U.S. role in the world and its impact on higher education
- Greater accountability required (cost savings/program)
- Safety/security planning; Recruitment of international students
- Hybrid fleet