Strategic Plan Forum
March 19, 2008

Kathy Hill went over changes that have been made to the strategic plan and recapped some of the issues brought up at the open forums.

The floor was opened for questions and feedback.

On Outcome 3

Summary/Comment: Main concern appears to be

1. Funding for the nursing program

Stan asked where funding for the new nursing program would come from. Kathy Hill replied that we are allowed to request funding for it in the annual budget request, and if it is not funded that way, then some reallocation of current funds will have to happen.

On Outcome 5

Summary/Comment: Main concerns appear to be

1. Fundraising
2. Tracking of student transfers

Stan asked what we would be doing in terms of fundraising for LCC, and why fundraising wasn’t listed under outcome 5. Kathy Hill stated that LCC can add this on to the current plan, also that it was brought up in the open forum that this topic should be discussed with the UHCC forum so that it would be a focus for all community colleges.

There was also a question about whether or not software for tracking student transfers would be a high priority. It is important to track community college students to show how they add value both to the workforce and the economy as a whole. Kathy Hill stated that we have to track student transfers because of Achieving the Dream, and that we will have to put some money towards this since it’s becoming a focus for a lot of groups. She mentioned that the IR Cadre is making a group effort to better track students, and that COGNOS, a business intelligence software, is being purchased by the UH System