

University Council
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2023 | 9:30-11:00 am

1. Welcome

- **Update on NWCCU accreditation**

Associate Provost Judy Sylva provided an update on the completion of the Year 7 Peer-Evaluation Report following the site visit from Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) April 12-14, 2023. She thanked the Council for their participation in preparing the report. She noted receiving feedback from peers is a valuable tool to help us understand what we are doing and where we have room for improvement.

- **Vision for the results of this planning process**

- Judy shared the Planning Team's working document for [creating a shared language for the next cycle of WOU strategic planning](#).
- **Vision for the next plan:** The vision for this round of planning is to define strategic goals. For each goal, institutional metrics and outcomes will be identified to evaluate the results and the impact of strategic initiatives. Specific strategic initiatives will be identified and implemented by organizational units and evaluated. The assessment of the impact of these initiatives will inform the assessment of aligned institutional outcomes. This process will empower and enable all units to make evidence-informed decisions, identify areas for improvement, and refine future initiatives to align with the institutional goals and associated outcomes.

2. Overview of what we learned about WOU Mission, Vision, & Values

Small group breakouts to discuss the evidence and generate recommendations for:

- **University Mission Statement**
- **University Vision Statement**
- **Define Core Values**

The Council broke into small groups to review the input received from campus on the university missions, vision, and core values. As part of their reflection, they were asked to include any thoughts or ideas regarding the revision on the Google worksheets provided in the University Council shared drive.

3. Review Evidence Summaries Forward Together 2017-2023 Institutional Priorities

The Strategic Planning Development Team has been collecting evidence to assess each of the Institutional Priorities from Forward Together 2017-2023. An Evidence Summary sheet is being developed by subgroups of the team for each priority. Chelle Batchelor walked the group the process that the team has taken to identify evidence for each strategy or initiative listed for one of the Institutional Priorities.

Homework: What is missing?

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The group was asked to review these evidence summaries with their teams/represented constituents to identify evidence they might access that would inform any of the five institutional priorities in the current Strategic Plan, Forward Together 2017-2023. Subfolders for each of the priorities were provided in the shared drive.

They were also encouraged to add information and/or reflections to the summary sheets included in the folders. It was noted that evidence artifacts could also be uploaded to the relevant subfolder(s).

Each team was asked to provide this feedback by July 31st.

Also shared with the group:

- Final [Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Peer Evaluation Report 2023](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.