

## STRATEGIC ISSUES POLL

This list represents strategic issues identified by the ASP Committee. The committee needs your help to prioritize these issues for action. Please **circle the four issues you think are the most important** to address in the next five years. Next please **cross out the four issues that you think are the lowest priority** for action over the next five years.

- a. **The Undergraduate Experience** (creating a world class curriculum; mindfully connecting teaching and learning to best deliver this curriculum) – who are we preparing, what are we preparing them to do, and how best to retain them and prepare them to be successful?
- b. **Development of COT/Community Colleges in Montana** – better articulation and synergy.
- c. **Articulation Between K-12 and Higher Education in Montana**– including dual enrollment, teacher certification and in-service professional development, addressing deficiencies in preparation, and consistent outreach from UM to K-12 schools in Montana.
- d. **Enabling Technology for Teaching and Scholarship** – how technology is funded and managed, looking toward the future of devices and web 2.0; paying attention to training, nimbleness.
- e. **Perceptions and Reality of the Cost of Education versus the Value of Education at UM** – who has access, addressing affordability; better branding and communication with stakeholders (in MT and beyond) of our scholarship and community service.
- f. **A Coherent Vision for Research, Creativity, and Scholarship** – where and how do we want to cultivate distinction for discovery, innovation and leadership; a climate for interdisciplinarity; connection to the Montana economy.
- g. **Strengthening Communication and Transparency** - in line with our value and tradition of shared governance; better communication with stakeholders.
- h. **The Workplace Conditions** - allow staff and faculty to meet their potentials, and that allow them to collaborate more effectively in service of teaching, scholarship and service.
- i. **Cultivate Graduate Programs** - attract excellent students and prepare them to make scholarly and creative contributions in their field – Curriculum and research opportunities matched to our current reputation, student demand, capitalizing on our location; stipends and in-state status.
- j. **Diversity** – cultivating a climate and curriculum to values diversity and recognizes the value of a diverse student body, faculty, and staff.
- k. **The Changing World Around Us** – international programs and exchanges, research, key languages sustainability, interdisciplinarity, demographics, globalization, economies, and so on.
- l. **Achieving Optimal Enrollment** – what is optimal for UM and for the educational experience we value.

Town Hall Meeting Poll  
Feb 18

**Please take a minute to give the Academic Strategic Planning Committee some feedback.**

**Based on the meeting today and other information you have about the Academic Strategic Planning work underway, what direction would you take from this point forward if you were a member of the committee?**

**If we proceed with the lists presented today, in 3 years what do you think we would find surprising (e.g., where might we wish we had spent more of our time and resources?)**

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

**You can return your poll to a committee member or send it via campus mail to Carol Brewer, CAS Deans Office, LA 136**