

UNIVERSITY PLANNING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – October 2nd 2019

Kean Hall, Room 127

- Called to order at 1:05pm
- Dr. Farahi addressed the members regarding the new Strategic Plan
 - He shared that 90 percent of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan has been implemented.
 - He advised that the members should consider a three-stage process:
 - Identify a vision,
 - Create strategic goals based on vision
 - Define objectives and plans that will aim in achieving the goals
 - The goal of an academic institution should be to provide social mobility to the students and focusing on a qualitative change
 - Focus on encouraging students to pursue various academic researches
- UPC members introduced themselves
- Maryam Raja is the new vice chairperson of the UPC
- Dr. Bousquet proposed to set up a shared google drive where all members can suggest a shared vision for the next strategic plan in the coming weeks
- UPC shall review trends in higher education, conduct a SWOT analysis.
- UPC shall also review the report for the last strategic plan for ideas for the new strategic plan
- Members will suggest speakers and consultants who can speak regarding higher education trends, and the areas where academic institutions should grow and change
- The duration for next strategic plan may be for 5 or 10 years
- The Goal is to have a draft of a new Strategic Plan for the review of the Board of Trustees by the end of 2019/2020 academic year that has a broader focus than the last plan.
- The UPC must also focus on the Annual Assessment Reports – review the Institutional Assessment Cycle and remind divisions to complete the reports that will provide the annual budget needs for Board and President’s approval.
- The completed Academic and Non-academic Assessment reports shall assist in the preparation of the Middle States Self Study 2021-2022.
- Next meeting will be held in November.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.