

Strategic planning committee – 2015-2016 report

This year, the strategic planning committee tackled 6 major issues.

- 1- Completion of the strategic plan. Based on the work from last year, which was mostly internal in nature, the strategic planning committee created a public, visual, higher level version of the plan. The plan has been posted on the UNIS web site and is now the official plan for the external purposes.
- 2- Input into the executive director's goals. The strategic plan was also used to provide input to the executive committee as they drafted a set of goals for the executive directors and reviewed progress against these goals.
- 3- Evaluation of the pre-k program. The committee evaluated, from a strategic perspective, the proposal by the administration to establish a pilot pre-k program at UNIS. The committee endorsed the proposal because of long term strategic reasons.
- 4- Creation of the UNIS Queens sub-committee. The committee was seized with the question of drafting a strong future for UNIS Queens. The committee recommended the creation of an ad hoc committee of the board on this topic, including a representation broader than that which existed on the strategic planning committee. That ad hoc committee was created by the board.
- 5- Long term tuition trends. The committee reviewed the tuition trends at UNIS and explored options for the long term, given UNIS financial position. The committee was mindful of maintaining UNIS' accessibility, while also maintaining the health of the school. This work by the committee, which was also presented to the UNIS finance committee and the executive committee, was not meant to be conclusive, but represent the start of an ongoing dialogue on the issues.
- 6- Review of the progress against the strategic plan. The committee was also engaged with other committees of the board to ensure that progress was being made against that strategic plan. Academic policy, Alumni relations, Finance, UN relationships, master planning, buildings and grounds were engaged by strat planning committee members that are also members of these committees, and progress was reported to the committee. The committee found that progress was significant.

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