

From NWCCU President Sandra E. Elman's letter to Chancellor Weatherby, 2/12/2016:

"...the Commission urges the University to submit a strongly data focused Year Seven Self-Evaluation Report with explicit connections between data and assessment leading to continuous improvement and mission fulfillment."

From the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan:

"Campus functional areas will develop tactical action plans for their respective areas that serve to assist Montana Western in achieving the goals and objectives of the MUS as well as those of Montana Western." (P. 1)

"The university has also developed measurable objectives and baseline metrics, available in a separate document, which will allow the campus to assess how well it has achieved its priorities, core themes and mission." (P. 2)

Strategic Planning Process:

Several individuals (chancellor, faculty senate chair, etc.) who are not members of the AAC will attend a number of AAC meetings per year to form the Strategic Planning Committee. (See membership list.)

The Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs chairs the Strategic Planning Committee and coordinates with the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance, and Student Affairs to develop an annual timeline and deadlines for Strategic Planning activities.

The Vice Chancellors coordinate development in each functional area of the tactical action plans, with measurable objectives and baseline metrics.

Vice Chancellors coordinate reporting on all items in functional areas' tactical action plans.

To review tactical action plan reporting related to each of the Seven Priorities and write an annual assessment of progress on each priority, SP members form seven sub-committees.

Chancellor and Cabinet use these seven assessment reports to evaluate achievement of core themes and mission, and to revise and update action plans as new challenges and opportunities present themselves. The University Budget Committee, Campus Development Committee, student fee driven committees, and other appropriate committees will use the results of Strategic Planning activities to guide their decisions in order to align resource allocation with University priorities.

Sub-committee progress reports and Chancellor and Cabinet's theme and mission achievement reports are shared with University at all-University meetings and electronically. The Strategic Planning Committee will build into its process regular consultation and input from the campus.