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**Subject:** November Strategic Planning Steering Committee - Campus Update

Dear Campus Community,

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee had our second meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. As promised, I will keep the campus regularly informed on our progress through these brief email updates. Please also periodically check [strategicplan.ucr.edu](http://strategicplan.ucr.edu) where the Steering Committee will post documents and news. Below is a brief summary of the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- **Approval of Minutes:** The October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved and are posted [here](#).
- **Working Group Progress Reports:** Each working group has met at least once and have regularly scheduled meetings going forward. Some groups have created smaller sub-working groups that meet more frequently to discuss specific research topics. Working groups are ideating bold and broad visions for their respective areas and are collecting and reviewing relevant information. All working groups shared how they might engage community and campus members throughout their process. Ideas for engagement include focus groups, interviews, presentations, small group meetings, town halls, and surveys.
- **Discussion and Common Themes:** The Steering Committee's discussion circled several pertinent themes, including [diversity](#), [transformation](#), [local/global presence](#), [agriculture/land grant mission](#), [our relationship with UC](#), [the future of education](#), and [growth](#). We expect additional themes to emerge and for these existing themes to develop as the committee's efforts progress.
- **Next Steps:** Working groups will continue meeting and gathering information. Members will work with the Steering Committee/AKA Strategy to share information sources and coordinate engagement efforts across campus and in the community. Members are challenged to maintain high-altitude envisioning while they review imperative information, reach out to the communities, and conduct research.

Remember to send your questions and comments to [strategicplan@ucr.edu](mailto:strategicplan@ucr.edu).

Sincerely,

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