Planning and Feedback Session

The purpose of this session was to gather information about significant topics which Eastern Illinois University needs to address in our planning process.

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1. What would make EIU first choice for faculty, staff and students?
   1. Better publicity (4)
   2. Student focus (3)
   3. Enhance experiential learning / engagement (3)
   4. Environment (classrooms/social/etc.) (3)
   5. Support for research related travel (3)
   6. Cutting edge technology (3)
   7. Faculty-enhanced student mentoring
   8. Staff-benefits package
   9. Attracting/retaining impact/critical faculty & staff
   10. Collaboration w/ larger DI schools in region
   11. Nontraditional learning stations should be encouraged (ex. Center for environmental education/energy)

2. What can be done to improve academic quality and scholarship across campus?
   1. Increased teaching of critical thinking skills (6)
   2. Increase minimum ACT score (5)
   3. Greater focus on writing across disciplines (4)
   4. Enhance/increase field-based engagements (2)
   5. One set of entrance requirements
   6. Reduce grade inflation
   7. Increase CUs for labs
   8. Promotion of collaboration across disciplines/departments
   9. Training of faculty/learn go be a teacher/pedagogical development

3. What is one thing we need to change at EIU that would enable us to be a great institution?
   1. Raise our own expectations (4)
   2. Greater collaborative thinking (4)
   3. Facility updates/upgrades (2)
   4. Greater awareness (global, stakeholders) (2)
   5. Faculty development
   6. Instill greater sense of tradition
   7. Endow a chair for ed. doctorate
   8. Encourage/require student research
   9. Changing funding model (get away from state support)
4. What are 2 emerging issues that you can anticipate that we will have to deal with effectively if we are going to thrive in the future? (e.g. role of technology in the classroom, retirements, tenure, demographics, online education)
   1. Recruitment and retention (4)
   2. On-line learning (4)
   3. Keep EIU experience affordable (3)
   4. Public perception of quality/benefit of university degree (2)
   5. Sustainable campus (2)
   6. Increase diversity of course delivery (2)
   7. Recruit & retrain of non-traditional student (2)
   8. High standards
   9. The increased student fees
   10. Widen region of interest (appeal to Indiana, etc.)
   11. Increase transfer students
   12. Decline of faculty / staff benefits

5. What is the most vital core value that EIU should preserve?
   1. Faculty – student relationship by keeping small class size (7)
   2. Affordability – high quality education (2)
   3. Attentive / engaged learning opportunities (2)
   4. Focus on students (2)
   5. Undergraduate focus
   6. Community centered approach