Status of Task Forces and Working Groups
The task forces gave an update on work to date and evolving themes.

Community Engagement task force shared their working groups are currently working on formulating their reports. Given the varied topics, there will be a number of recommendations. The challenge will be to narrow the recommendations down. As a group, the community engagement task force is focusing on four to five overarching recommendations, with one focusing on improved communication with the community. This recommendation will either have a designated community contact in each of the colleges or a campus community outreach office. Other ideas they are considering include a SDSU STEAM academy (K-12 Partnerships); new ways to better engage faculty in economic development activities (Economic Development); opportunities to connect with alumni that include increased volunteer opportunities (Alumni Engagement); and campus climate surveys (Campus Climate).

Student Success and Academic Excellence task force shared the outline they established for their report. The outline includes five categories of focus, they are: 4-6 year graduation rates, the quality of an SDSU degree, academic distinction, alcohol and drug use, and online and distance technology. Their recommendations will include organizational and resource-based recommendations.

Internationalization task force shared they have fully formulated three of their five recommendations. The three formulated recommendations fall into the following categories: international experiences, which includes a recommendation to expand the university’s mission statement and increase the number of students who study abroad; the recruitment of international students, which includes a recommendation of the number of international students to enroll in the next five and ten years and an international student recruitment council that would serve as a coordinating and informing body; and distance learning by exploring opportunities to incorporate online and distance learning into the international mission.
Diversity task force shared they are beginning to outline their report. They have had a number of broad discussions involving a variety of diversity related topics. They are now identifying goals and initiatives using the themes that have emerged during those discussions. One theme they shared was the value the university places on diversity and cultural competency. The task force felt it was important that diversity is embedded into the university as a core value. They also shared the task force’s interest in ensuring their recommendations benefited students.

Research and Creative Endeavors task force shared they have identified four broad themes. These themes are: identifying areas of strength and allocating resources appropriately to make them better; evidence-based allocations of resources which includes transparency when assigning release time; a continuing focus on undergraduate research; and a re-branding/ re-advertising of research at SDSU.

**Strategic Planning Milestones**
The group discussed deadline dates for the draft and finalized reports of the working groups, task forces and steering committee. The dates are listed below:

**Working Group Reports:**
- Post draft copy to website no later than Thursday, December 6
- Campus email sent announcing draft working reports on Thursday, December 6
- Campus feedback on draft reports due Thursday, December 13
- Finalized reports due to task forces by Friday, December 21

**Task Force Reports:**
- Post draft copy to website no later than Thursday, January 17
- Campus email sent announcing draft working reports on Thursday, January 17
- Campus feedback on draft reports due Thursday, January 24
- Finalized reports due to Steering Committee by Friday, February 1

**Steering Committee Report:**
- Post draft copy to website no later than Thursday, March 7
- Campus email sent announcing draft working reports on Thursday, March 7
- Campus feedback on draft reports due Thursday, March 21
- Finalized reports due to President by Friday, March 29

The next meeting of the Steering Committee and Task Force Co-chairs is December 12, 2012.