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Kathleen Deakins welcomed Melissa Lavitt, Exec Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, as a new committee member.

Lisa Hoffman provided an update of the work of the 40-member Lower Division Student Success Task Force, including the formation of seven work groups and their chairs and members.

Bonnie Becker updated the committee on the Big Question outreach and Urban Serving University discussions that have reached approximately 1,100 people in total on and off campus. She provided a final summary of the data and key themes. Committee members discussed the results.

Kathleen shared that the theme of Access emerged repeatedly in input gathered to inform the committee’s work. Members then discussed in groups the meaning of Access and if UW Tacoma should add Access as a fifth value, along with Excellence, Community, Diversity and Innovation. The group reached consensus that the campus should embrace Access as a “super value,” one that is the foundation for or central to the other four.

Richard discussed the work of Bonnie, Richard and Kathleen with Anne Jess, the visual facilitator, to synthesize the discussion of the committee at its December meeting. He explained that the large poster displayed in the boardroom was a graphic representation of the proposed vision based on that work.
Working in groups, members then discussed what they found compelling about the vision statement as drafted on the poster and where it fell short.

Committee members offered varying perspectives on the draft without reaching consensus on vision language. Issues raised included a desire to agree on the definition of mission vs. vision, confusion over how the words on the stairs fit in, how to assure measurability, specific word choices and missing concepts. Richard, Bonnie and Kathleen committed to contacting committee members in the next few weeks to help revise the vision. Then they will bring back a revised draft vision to the committee to use as it addresses Priorities and WIGs (wildly important goals) at its February 26th committee meeting.