

Chapter V: SUMMARY OF THE 1998 ANNUAL UNIVERSITY MASTER PLAN AND ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

A long-standing practice at Truman has been a summer planning workshop open to the campus community which includes a review of current assessment data and the identification of an institutional improvement agenda for the forthcoming academic year.

With the advent of the liberal arts and sciences mission in the mid-1980s, these annual workshops played an important role in the implementation of the mission as well as ensuring the involvement of a broad segment of the academic community in the evolution of the new mission. In the early 1990s these annual assemblages of faculty, administrators, and students were temporarily suspended, but they were reinstated by President Jack Magruder in 1994.

The 1998 Annual Master Plan and Assessment Workshop focused on the Freshman Experience at Truman, a proposal for an enhanced Residential Colleges system, a progress report on student learning in the major – particularly in terms of student/faculty collaborative scholarship and senior test scores, and the Phi Beta Kappa application process Truman is pursuing. The workshop also included an examination of the characteristics of a public liberal arts institution, an overview and update on the campus planning process, a preview of the incoming student profile for the Fall 1998 term, and a summary of 1998 ISS and GSQ survey data.