

Chapter V: SUMMARY OF THE 2001 ANNUAL UNIVERSITY MASTER PLAN AND ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

One of the enduring traditions at Truman State University has been its annual planning workshop held each summer. The workshop is open to the campus community and typically includes a review of current assessment data as well as an overview of issues that will constitute the institution's agenda for focused improvement during the coming academic year. As Truman has sought to implement its liberal arts and sciences mission, these planning workshops have assumed an important role in guiding the institution's development and ensuring the involvement of a broad cross-section of the academic community in the attainment of Truman's goals.

Day one (August 6) of the 2001 Annual Planning and Assessment Workshop focused on mid-point evaluation of the Master Plan and on strengthening assessment. The Master Plan was just ending its fifth year during the time of the Workshop. The next two semesters will be used to make new projections based on the past five years' actual data and still keeping in mind the original goals of the University Master Plan. After the assessment presentations, the Workshop participants attended breakout sessions and discussed deepening a self-reflective Liberal Arts culture. The groups then reported on the main points from the discussions. The August 7th talks began in the morning with the Vice President for Academic Affairs presenting on "Transforming the University." Dr. Peter Seldin presented on teaching and evaluation and was followed by a panel discussion on diversity. Breakout groups on the Liberal Arts culture once again concluded the day.

For further information on the 2001 Annual Planning Workshop, see Volume II, Chapter XVII.