## Open Session 3 Comments November 2, 2005

What do you see as benefits of being a polytechnic institution? (A) Don't get bogged down with the title of "polytechnic" (A) Polytechnic institutions have wide array of programs, so don't necessarily need to worry that programs will be cut to make the change to polytechnic (A) Need a more detailed explanation of priority D It would help if we had more of a "big picture" (D) Resource problems re: distance ed and expanding programs (D) Instead of focusing on recruiting diverse faculty, maybe we should focus on giving diverse experiences to our students (F) Promote our successes re: plan 2008 (F) Formal plan to address/plan for decreasing budget should be on list of priorities (future priority) Why rename Stout Solutions? (D) Scientific innovation comes from the mixing and integration of several disciplines (B) If we fully integrate technologies into our day to day activities it will save time and more easily integrate classroom, i.e. utilizing electronic calendaring (E) Can the school outside a school make money? (D) What was meant for priority E? Develop technology best practices (E) Develop a professional development plan (E) What is process for receiving polytechnic designation? (A) Concern regarding status quo, how do other campuses feel regarding UW-Stout pursuing polytechnic designation? (A) Concern how other programs fit into polytech, but finding that many programs have a strong role in it and can be strengthened. (A) By branding ourselves we can attract donations and partnerships (A) Polytechnic can be used to attract students and may be easier to explain than "special mission" (A) Not only a minority issue but also cultural, religious, sex, etc... (C) Students need to be challenged, but we (instructors) are here to help you through it (C) Technology will allow us to serve/reach minority students who may not come to UW-Stout (C) We need to continually expose students to other cultures which will prepare them for life outside Stout (C) Where can we showcase alumni success? (admissions Genie computer program) Any thought to expanding our engineering program and how would we do that with resource issues? OCM department having trouble meeting demands; how are we going to meet demands in the future? Make sure our "house is in order"; atmosphere should reflect our name change to polytechnic (A) Multicultural Services stated that students do not feel comfortable here; we need to be rigorous but give students the tools to succeed (F) We can do more to create a culture of affirmation that goes beyond the classroom (C)

Can we use technology to support multicultural efforts and to help students connect with people of different backgrounds? We need to promote our efforts across campus. (F) Best suggestion for increasing diversity is to "grow your own"; pay or contribute toward cost of education in exchange for a period of service/teaching to the university (F) Showcase students (F)