## Open Session 5 Comments November 3, 2005

Geek squad would be helpful to get all computers ready, especially the first few days of class (E) During first few labs of semester a majority of the time is dedicated to technology issues rather than teaching (geek squad concept would help) (E) How would geek squad differ from first responders? (E) Would it be a technology teaching assistant? (E) Geek squad name implies "fixing" things; the name may not be right for this group's purpose (the group suggested using a different name) (E) We need more of both: 1. fixing technology issues, and 2. help researching and integrating technology into the classroom (this is what the geek squad should do for us) (E) There are struggles not only at campus-level but also with the community. Could there be an opportunity to have campus and community training/communication (the Chancellor suggested bringing back an old committee that used to work with the community) (F) There seems to be an anxiety and fear surrounding polytechnic priority; there should be communication to address those fears (A) Use the word "enhance" instead of create; or use ensure, then it wouldn't mean that we don't already have a culture of affirmation (C) Having contact with students at an earlier age and maintaining follow-up with them is a good recruitment effort (F) Do articulation agreements with tech colleges need to be inverted? (Chancellor's response was no) (A) Culture of affirmation seen as a part of the whole culture of Stout (C) Do we have any measure to tell us if we have a "culture of affirmation"? How would we measure this? (C) What is meant by "school outside of school" and what is Stout Solutions' role in that? (D) How long has the issue of curricular incubation been discussed? (B) Emphasis on WTCS shouldn't be so strong; as written, the curricular incubation center seems restricted to tech college partnerships. (B) Issues with affirmation and retention of minority groups (F) New directions for plan 2008; create incentives for depts. to utilize strategies to hire minorities. There are many strategies to hire minorities; we need to share these strategies (F) Potential internship in Provost or Chancellor's Office (the Chancellor indicated he would do this) (F) Nothing specific about attracting students with higher GPA's and ACT's; are we satisfied with that? The Chancellor said yes, we are satisfied with current admission standards. (F) Create a strategic plan to deal with competition (Chancellor responded that the polytechnic initiative should do this (new priority)