

**Open Session 3 Comments**  
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**Academic Plan**

- I. Online learning may help to increase minority students.
- II. We need to capitalize on partnerships developed on campus
- III. Leadership experience with three Tech colleges being planned
- IV. Look more closely at demographics of on-line students
  - a. Do they include a high % of minority students? If not they should. This is an opportunity to “reach new markets”- as listed in the priority statement.
- V. Use technology in effort to increase diversity.
- VI. LTS will pay for technology expenses associated with distance ed/ bringing people together
  - a. So far, few instructors have participated
- VII. Each class can bring in global learning experiences
  - a. Needs to be infused across the curriculum
- VIII. We need to have a broader understanding of global awareness in our classes
- IX. We need to have a forum on brainstorming session on how to incorporate global learning into classes
  - a. It is important for our graduates to be “global- ready”

**Polytechnic**

- I. Articulations with Technical Colleges and forum with these Tech colleges may be valuable to identify overlap in course offerings.
- II. Is there a designated process other campuses have gone through to become polytechnic?
  - a. Wanted to know what the process will be at Stout.
- III. Provide a summary to campus on what’s being done
  - a. With the polytechnic initiative- tie this in with action plan step #1
- IV. Get focus group input as to what is the definition of a polytechnic
- V. Put together a marketing plan (related to polytechnic)
- VI. Need to identify benefit beyond branding. How can this be leveraged to benefit university and individual faculty?

**Campus Climate/ Culture**

- I. Need to be aware of campus building security issues (ex. Child and family studies center)
- II. Culture of affirmation needs to be not only in the classroom, but all across campus
  - a. And culture of affirmation needs to be included as part of the internal communication priority- the priority needs to be broadened- it doesn’t currently fulfill the focus 2010 goal that is listed in box #1

III. Train people on what culture of affirmation means