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TO: Regent Brian Rogers
Chair, BOR Planning and Development Committee

FROM: Mark R. Hamilton

SUBJECT: Strategic Planning

The Board of Regents, through the Planning and Development Committee, has commenced a strategic planning process that will guide the university's continued development through the coming years to 2009.

This process will not start from scratch or be driven from the top but, instead, will take advantage of all the planning work we have been doing over the last several year by synthesizing into a single document the wide variety of planning activities on our campuses and at statewide, and by inviting rigorous review of that that working draft by internal and external groups. The working draft is of the first section is attached for review and comment by you and the committee.

Examples of the many activities and reports that will contribute to this effort include the Regents' Issue Focus Areas, UA Values, MAU self assessments, MAU accreditation reports, external reviews, MAU financial reviews, campus master plans, missions and measures, academic initiatives, and needs assessments.

We have been directed to have a preliminary strategic plan available for review by the Board of Regents this winter. Given the short time available to develop this document, we have developed the following timeline:

August 19-26	Lead SW staff respond to preliminary questions
August 27 - September 11	President's Office prepares for BOR review: draft outline, principles, process, sources, and groups for consultation.
September 12	BOR P&D Committee reviews above.
September	President's Office prepares working draft.
October-November	Internal and external groups provide input to working draft.
November 12	BOR P&D Committee receives update.
December	President's Office incorporates input.
December 5	BOR P&D Committee receives update.
January 17	BOR reviews working draft.
February 20	BOR approves plan.

cc: BOR Planning and Development Committee