Long-range Planning Committee
Meeting of 23 September, 2002

Members Present: Branson, Davis, Dawe, Jones, Krishnan (who has asked his dean to name a replacement for him), Morris, Pokorny. Bhattacharya, Erwin, and Hardin were absent. Janda presided and called the meeting to order at 3:05.

1. Morris volunteered to be recording secretary for this meeting.

2. Janda said in lieu of a formal agenda that he wanted for the committee to consider some ideas to adopt for the year’s business. He said he thought, given the current grim economic picture, that the committee would do well not to plan for programs or ideas that would cost additional money, saying that he thought consideration should instead be devoted to ideas about systemic change over the next three-to-five years that would require no additional costs. He asked for members to return to their departments and schools and send him a list of ideas for the next meeting. The committee as a whole would then come up with a consensus, explore what might be done, meet with President Ross in the spring, and then present a recommendation to the Faculty Council for its approval.

Pokorny said that he understood Janda’s concern about funding, but that the committee should not rule out good ideas simply because they might cost money; grants might be available for funding such ideas. Discussion ensued about grants and whether designating someone part-time, or hiring someone full-time, to be a grant-writing person, a feature of other regional institutions within the state, would be desirable here.

Members presented some other ideas to consider this year: centralizing or standardized advisement and enrollment; considering peer teaching review; considering post-tenure review; considering the standardization of hiring and tenure practices; thinking about the relationship between the committee and the incorporation of strategic planning with each unit’s annual Program Quality Improvement Reports; reviewing Cameron’s ideas about the makeup of the student body it serves; considering whether Cameron should investigate the practice on other campuses of having private companies build apartments on campus land for student residence; determining Cameron’s image so that it might be better marketed; and considering the development of interdisciplinary programs tailored to major employers.

Janda asked members to send additional ideas to him before the next meeting, said that he would include them in a list in the formal agenda for the next meeting, and when the committee achieved a consensus, he would have members select items and research them for further review.
3. Members arrived at a regular meeting time of the third Monday of each month at 2:30. The next meeting will be on Monday, 21 October.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by John G. Morris, Acting Recording Secretary