

MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2007

To:

Richard R. Rush

President

From:

Ted Lucas and Bill Corteiro Wide

Co-Chairs, University Planning and Coordinating Council

Re:

Recommendation on Strategic Priorities

The University Planning and Coordinating Council recommends the following as the top strategic priorities for 2008-09:

- Student retention and success
- Tenure/tenure track faculty hiring
- Space for classrooms/labs/offices/recreation & athletics/physical infrastructure

In addition, for the past several years the Advancement operating budget has been funded through one-time funds and through transfers of funds from the Office of the President. While the role of Advancement is critical to the success of the University, the Council does not recommend Advancement as a top strategic priority at this time. However, it does encourage the Strategic Budget Committee to recommend that Advancement's base budget reflect actual staffing expenditures.

If you need any further information, please let us know.

cc: UPACC Members