Jacksonville State University
Strategic Planning Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 17, 2008
3:00 p.m. Houston Cole Library Room 1103C

Present
Rebecca Turner
Clint Carlson
Alicia Simmons
Louise Clark
Kevin Hoult
Joe Delap
Tim King
Suzanne LaRocca
Lisa Williams
Tim Garner
Tyrone Smiley
Jacolby Parks
Jennifer Nix

Absent
Earl Wade
Dan Krejci
Brent Cunningham
Frank King
Joe Serviss
Beth Hembree
Bill Fielding
Oval Jaynes

Call To Order – Dr. Alicia Simmons
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alicia Simmons, chair. Minutes from the October 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Lisa Williams and seconded by Dr. Turner. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Strategic Plan Recommended Updates – Dr. Louise Clark
The Planning Subcommittee, chaired by Dr. Louise Clark, presented the recommended changes to the Strategic Plan. These changes were reviewed and approved by Dr. Meehan and the Executive Subcommittee. Proposed updates to the plan consisted mainly of combining strategies, regrouping them, or removing items that had already been accomplished. In addition, new strategies were proposed that are consistent with a scan of the current university environment.

Dr. Louise Clark led the committee through each item in the Strategic Plan. All changes were approved, except for one item, Improve Tenure and Promotion Procedures, for which additional information was requested.

Next steps include finalizing the strategic plan based on the Strategic Planning Committee’s recommendations and presenting the plan for approval to the Board of Trustees at the January Board meeting.

Budget Update – Mr. Clint Carlson
Mr. Clint Carlson reported on the status of state funding. Governor Riley declared proration and implemented the Rainy Day fund. We will need to make up about $2.4 million to balance the budget for this year.

Closing Remarks –Dr. Alicia Simmons
Dr. Simmons thanked the Committee for all of their work and stated that the role of the Committee is to determine the University’s future with or without more money. The next meeting is on March 25, 2009.