The Strategic Design and Planning Steering Committee (SDPSC) was formed to review, affirm, and refresh our strategic priorities, goals, metrics, and actions to lay the foundation for continued success for the next decade and beyond.
Co-Chairs

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- (ex officio) Mark Lanier, Special Assistant to Chancellor
- (ex officio) Dr. Andy Mauk, Associate Provost for Institutional Research & Planning
- (ex officio) John Scherer, General Counsel
- (ex officio) Andrea Weaver, Interim Chief Communication Officer
Committee Charge

The SDPSC’s role is to “steer” the process, review existing data, collect input from campus stakeholders, lead potential workgroups in the fall, host campus fora about the process and solicit feedback, and ultimately draft the overarching goals, objectives and metrics. – Chancellor Sartarelli (Spring 2021)

Committee Activities

- Review key literature and participate in trainings, workshops and discussions related to design thinking and strategic planning principles.
- Develop timeline and framework for strategic design and planning work through the 2021-22 academic year.
- Facilitate the collection of information from key campus stakeholders, including hosting campus fora and/or public discussions.
- Participate in regular meetings.
- Represent their respective constituencies through transparent communication.
- Translate input from constituents into overarching problem-solving and strategic priorities for campus.
- Identify campus constituents to comprise various workgroups related to problem-identification and strategic priorities.
- Collect information from workgroups to design strategic actions, goals, targets, and objectives.
- Craft and review draft reports that will ultimately lead to the final plan.
- Solicit endorsement from campus governing bodies.
Progress & Summary
Strategic Planning Workflow Process

**Strategic Planning Process**

1. Benchmarking Analysis
2. Survey Evaluation/SWOT Development
3. Further Stakeholder Engagement and Report Refinement
4. Priorities and Metrics → Strategic Plan

**Chancellor Search Process**

1. Survey/Fora
2. Leadership Statement
3. Interviews
4. Identification of New Chancellor
5. Summer/Fall 2022

- SWOT related questions from survey
- New Chancellor input into planning process
Analysis Summary

Through the spring semester of 2022, in parallel with the Chancellor search process, the Committee conducted a series of workshops, discussions, and meetings reviewing data on the strengths, opportunities, and challenges facing the institution. Through these workshops, the committee affirmed the findings from the Search Committee Constituent Input report, while also refining the findings into the most salient elements for the incoming Chancellor. The following is a summary of these findings along with the SDPSC’s initial recommendations for next steps in the development of the next UNCW strategic plan.
Our Strengths Include...

... our commitment to **High Quality Academic Excellence**.

... our position as the **Coastal University** of North Carolina that has a major impact on the region, state, and beyond.

... our ability to provide high-quality **Undergraduate Student Experiences** that foster a strong affinity to the university.

... our composition of **Excellent Faculty and Staff**.
Our Opportunities Include...

... fostering the campus environment regarding **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** for all faculty, staff, and students.

... reinforcing UNCW’s **standing within the community**.

... improving faculty/staff **Compensation, Benefits, Culture, and Working Environment**.

... evolving as a **Research University**.

... strategically enhancing and developing **Academic Programs** that align with state needs, career opportunities, and student interests.

... deepening **Community/Corporate Partnerships**.
Our Challenges Include...

... meeting necessary **Investment in Human Capital**.

... ensuring the quality of the **Student Experience**.

... managing the relationship between **Affordability and Quality Experiences and Opportunities**.

... maintaining an environment where UNCW is a “**School of Choice**” for Prospective Students.

... addressing **Organizational Bureaucracy and Outdated Processes**.

... creating a **Collective Sense of Our Identity and Distinctiveness** as a large, national, public research university.
Recommendations for Next Steps

- **Determine the role and structure of the SDPSC** with the formation of a new strategic plan to be due in the end of the spring 2023 semester.
- Form **working committees** comprising representative members of the campus community.
- Review, revise and reaffirm the **institutional mission statement** providing a clear and concise description of who we are.
- Affirm **institutional values**.
- Establish the institutional **vision and the top priorities** for the next strategic plan.
- Create **metrics, action plans, and responsible individuals/units** for specific priorities and strategies.
- Build a **systems map that connects strengths, opportunities, challenges** with these action plans and strategies.