

University of St. Thomas

UST's Strategic Planning Newsletter

Issue Three

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"Reaching Our Vision" Stakeholder Conference



Special points of interest:

- Stakeholder
 Conference to
 take place on No vember 22-23,
 2002, at the War wick Hotel.
- Strategic Planning issues can now be reviewed on BlackBoard

The much-anticipated "Reaching Our Vision"
Stakeholder Conference will take place on November 22 and 23 at the Warwick Hotel in the Museum District. Dr. John Stevens and Kaludis Consulting colleague Dr. Barry Cohen will be facilitating. The conference will include the participation of both internal and external

members such as faculty, staff, students, alumni, directors, representatives of the local community, businesses, other university partners, feeder schools and employers of UST graduates.

The Strategic Planning Fact Book, compiled by SPIRE, integrates both internal and external information such as enrollment, admissions, retention and graduation rates, financial aid information, demographics, student satisfaction data, faculty and staff data,

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UST faculty and students enjoy a shared conversation and fun at the Ice Cream Social in October!

Strategic Issues Are Being Assembled for Review

Information about our Strategic Planning activities is now available on BlackBoard. All UST students, faculty, staff and administrators now have access to a Black-Board course entitled

"Strategic Planning
2002-2003." The up-todate list of strategic issues created by input
from the UST community and summarized by
Kaludis consultant Dr.
John Stevens is posted

on this site, along with other information about our Strategic Planning process and activities. For those who already have a BlackBoard

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Strategic Planning Fact Book

Kaludis Consulting is assisting SPIRE in the preparation of the Strategic Planning Fact Book.

External components of the Fact Book will include:

- Technology trends
- Demographics
- Political and legal con-

texts

- Local business and educational institutions
- The Catholic community
- National and regional enrollment trends
- Economic information
- Information regarding

competition (Texas 10) SPIRE's internal information includes:

- Applicants and admitted student information (admissions and new student reports)
- Student enrollment demographics

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The Strategic
Planning Fact
Book will contain
important internal
and external
information.

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login, click on the Strategic Planning 2002-2003 course. From there, click on the "Information" button to view the Strategic Issues roster, as well as other information about UST's Strategic Planning activities. For those faculty, staff and students

who have never logged on to BlackBoard, you can access Blackboard through UST's home page. Click on the link

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and alumni information. The external information describes relevant data and trend analysis related to technology, demographics, political and legal contexts, local business and educational institu-

tions, the Catholic community, higher education enrollment, economic, and competition in higher education.

At the conference's end, five to eight categories of strategic issues vital to UST's future will be identified. These cate-

gories will be addressed in phase two of our strategic planning activities by broadly representative work groups, who will respond to charges emerging from the Stakeholder Conference. You can access the current list of strategic is-

sues by logging on to
BlackBoard from UST's
home page. You may add
to the list by sending an
email to <u>jstevens</u>
@kaludisconsulting.com.
See the next *UST Weekly*for further details!!

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Strategic Planning Fact Book

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- Faculty and staff information
- Retention and graduation reports
- Financial aid awarding
- Survey findings
- Alumni information
- Student Satisfaction Survey data
- Graduate Student Survey (satisfaction, employment, graduate and professional schools)
- NSSE findings



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on setting up your Black-Board account, contact the IT Help Desk at 713-525-6900. Strategic planning updates are also regularly published in the *UST Weekly*. http://www.stthom.edu/weekly.pdf

For assistance with BlackBoard, be sure and contact the IT Help Desk



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