Anything Else Comments from 2/8/12

Since I work in a building that is open until midnight 5 days a week and on weekends, I would like to see an expansion of times facilities are open to take care of certain needs i.e. tissue and paper towels in restrooms, leaking ceilings at night and on weekends.

Please consider adding the following:

Campus Stewardship: We will promote social and environmental responsibility and nurture a sense of place in our community. Commitment to the principles of sustainability is vital to our global community.

As we continue to grow, we need to make sure we are growing our faculty and staff numbers too.

Division II football

To support the mission, values and goals review and develop adequate staffing plan that identifies staffing levels and professional development needs to support such mission values and goals.

Staffing/infrastructure needs assessed

We should add a med school in Colorado Springs

Recognition of committed employees (plurality) define committed employees.

While enrollment growth is critical, retention is just as important and financially smarter. Food, transportation, facilities, activities, and of course, academic and research aspects are emphasized for our growth. Diversity is targeted both as an independent topic and is also weaved through various goals – as it should. I am seeing no mention of support services such as University Counseling Center, Student Health Center, Disability Services and Career Center services. These services make retention possible for the most challenging sub-section of our student body. While it is important to grow enrollment; not providing sufficient support to make retention possible will waste a lot of the enrollment efforts.

More signage, both inside and outside buildings!!! The banners on selected buildings to welcome guests are awesome.

Campus infrastructure: More custodial staff for all the extra building and extra hours they’re open.

Going around the room was a nice social time, but I would like to have seen the goals ahead of time for an opportunity to give more in depth thoughts and have them posted on the overhead screen when lines were long or conversation distracting.

In the grand scheme of all this, please remember the Family Development Center. Not only do we support moms and dads who are students, students who are our co-workers, but most important – the children who will take care of us wand this community in the future.

Hello – Parking sucks
Include the word “quality” or “high quality” or “highest quality” in one or more of the goals. Also include “mentoring”

If the university plans on expanding, including number of students, there should be a lot more parking available. Maybe adding parking garages on existing lots or new areas. Students and staff are on tight schedules and shouldn’t have to worry about finding parking. It’s a problem now and should be fixed.

With the growing student body we need more parking. Whenever I come any time after 8 there are no spots. If I am paying $330 for a pass, I expect a spot.

Collaboration is mentioned multiple times but I didn’t see anything specific about collaborating with other CU campuses on supporting something like the CU/CSU shared services initiative. Perhaps I missed it but my unit (the library) has benefited enormously from collaboration with the other CU campuses and I suspect others could as well!

Steam-line/Speed up approval of nearly all new process implementation and procedural changes

If the goal is healthy Colorado, why do faculty that don’t contract with the university get personalized with fitness programs either can’t participate or have to pay more to participate.

Build an integrated sport program

The plans look great but need to address infrastructure before adding 13,000 students and new degree programs. Need staff. Need faculty.

Are there any plans to increase support staff to accomplish the goals? If not, how will these be implemented?

I think it would be of great value to put in pedestrian bridges at the 2 traffic lights into campus. I think it would help with traffic and student safety.

Beth-El needs to be better incorporated into the rest of the campus and not be so isolated.

Make UCCS an attraction to surrounding community. Something that draws people here and makes them consider attending here

Good Job Carla!

Nowhere on any of these goals did I see any indication of adding staff to help manage our growth. Staff is already seriously overloaded and cannot take on anymore workload.

Would have liked the opportunity to read the goals before today rather than 1st view and needing to provide feedback.

Please consider increasing staff for all small departments – it is impossible to keep up with all the demands that are made on a 1 person department – especially one that serves the entire student population, the online student population, alumni and other campus departments. I know every
department needs support but some seem to always receive the funding for staff while others never do. Please understand the additional stress that comes with our growth.

As a student who also works on campus, I have a large amount of interaction with the staff. There is not an emphasis on developing community and connectedness amongst the staff. They are discluded from academics and thus are alienated. Suggestion – Electricians give a lecture.

Faculty will benefit if they are more involved in the infrastructural planning processes, especially for classrooms, research labs and office spaces.

I found many of the goals and actions associated with them to overlap. Maybe once these are looked at as a whole we could condense some areas.

Develop goals/actions that help our students stay at UCCS. Perhaps asking students to meet with someone before they withdraw. Seems like we want UCCS to grow but we haven’t figured out how to keep them here.

Mark Hoffman is a cool guy!!

Big discounts to faculty on UCCS apparel if you want to market your university in the marketplace/the community.

Free parking for all faculty NO exceptions. I had to pay $3.50 to come to this meeting or at least reimburse.

To allow free parking for staff

To include the Family Development Center in more of these goals

One way UCCS can support the Family Development Center is to provide special parking passes only good on our unmaintained parking area

Starbucks on campus 😊

More support for concurrent enrollment (CU Succeed and PLTW enrollment). UCCS partnerships with CS school districts to be “university of choice” support local HS students in post-secondary ventures.

The idea of a sports education program and partnering with the USOC seems like something that could work with several of the 12 goals

Please bring back a crossing light in front of the Family Development Center where I work to make it easier to cross since parking is hard to find. Maybe a flashing light time 20 seconds.

These are beautifully articulated ideas. Most are visionary. In many areas there is no control for accountability. This is true currently on the campus – we hire friends; we do not monitor course quality; IT does more and more – nothing well. This current plan will build in this same weakness.
Build a decent childcare center around the needs of the CHILDREN. Our current building FDC is not sufficient to meet NAEYC standards.