1. Report of the Co-Chair, Paul Snyder

Paul welcomed those new to the committee who were unable to attend the first meeting held at the beginning of October. He reported on the progress being made with regard to the updating of the strategic plan. He noted that the university home page has invited comments from anyone on the current mission and vision statements. An announcement was sent out to all faculty, staff, and students a couple of weeks ago about that. A website has been created to support the SP updating during the current academic year. A reminder was sent to all faculty, staff and students just this week to complete the questionnaire before it closes on November 4. After that the data will be summarized and presented in a PowerPoint at two public forums scheduled for November 12 and 14. Following that the results will be used by SPIEC and the PBC to develop any recommended changes to the two statements. These will then be part of the UBOT workshop to occur in January.

2. Review of the draft internal scan

Paul asked if everyone had a copy of the draft internal scan. He thanked Lenore Benefield and the staff of her office for assisting him in the development of the draft. The draft draws upon a number of sources including the work of the PBC’s committees during the last couple of years and also our SACS compliance certification. Because of our compressed time frame, Paul said he would also circulate the draft to the PBC in anticipation of its meeting next week. He asked that people read the document over and see what comments you have and send them to me by next Tuesday where I can present them as part of the conversation with the PBC. Paul noted that the external scan was being worked on by Gary
Jackson and a draft of that document should be ready by the end of next week. Gary will present the results of the environmental scan at the UBOT workshop on January 20.

3. Next steps

Paul noted the next meeting of the SPIEC will be supplanted by the first public forum, but all the members of the SPIEC were invited to come and participate in that event. He also said that the PBC would begin its review of the draft Internal Scan simultaneously with the SPIEC review.