

Subject: Draft Strategic Plan: a Request for Comments
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As you know, we have initiated a strategic planning process to chart the University of Maryland's course for the next ten years and beyond. In his State of the Campus address on September 17, 2007, President Mote urged the University community to think boldly, in transformational terms. Incremental progress should not be satisfactory. His charge to us called for the development of a plan that would establish a shared vision of our future and elevate Maryland's position among world-class universities. Implementation must be carried out with high expectations and a sense of urgency.

In early March, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee (SPSC) shared its working document with the community and asked for your comments and suggestions. We received a great deal of thoughtful (and often passionate) feedback through our website, at a Senate presentation, at three open forums, in many campus meetings, in meetings with University constituents (alumni, donors, and friends) across the country, and in a flood of direct correspondence. Based on this feedback, we have now produced an initial draft of the complete Plan. We are again asking for your considered input.

The draft Plan and a page for your input can be accessed online at the SPSC website <http://sp07.umd.edu/>. The Plan will also be discussed at a meeting of the University Senate on Monday, April 21, at Town Hall Meetings tentatively scheduled on April 22 and April 23, and in additional venues. We need your input no later than Thursday, April 24, so that we can develop a final draft by the end of April. We will present the plan for formal consideration by the Senate on Tuesday, May 6.

Thank you for your participation in this most important endeavor and for your invaluable help.

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