The newly-formed UAB Strategic Planning Council met on September 8, 2016.

Dr. Jack Duncan, facilitator for the group, opened the meeting by outlining his role as the facilitator and the expected role of the council members. He briefly reviewed some of the work related to strategic planning that has been done to date. Then he opened the meeting to general discussion.

Later, Dr. Duncan turned the discussion to a suggestion posed at the previous council meeting, “We need to understand the “why” of UAB and how we might approach answering that question.”

Following these discussions, Anne Buckley stated that her office would work to develop a landing page for the strategic planning council to share information, agendas, minutes, and other documentation that will be used for the development of a public-facing informational page to communicate progress.

Additionally, a discussion followed regarding our agreed-upon time frame for this plan. It was agreed that we focus on a 5 year strategic plan but have an eye to a longer 10-year strategic vision.

Finally, Dr. Duncan posed the following things to think about for next meeting:

- Are there any terms that capture what UAB “is” and/or what it aspires to be at the end of the 10 year period?
- Consideration to how we should best keep people informed about the SP process and what methods we can use to obtain input from the larger university (e.g. town halls, surveys, etc.).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am