

In Spring 2005, the new president of UTD, President David Daniel, charged Hobson Wildenthal (the Provost and Executive Vice President) and Robert Nelsen (Speaker of the Faculty) to write a new Strategic Plan for the University. In the process of writing the document, 22 committees were established. Each committee, except for the Senate Committee on core values, consisted of at least 3 students, 3 faculty, and the members of the staff. The committees dealt with everything from mixed land use, budget, Greek life, technology transfer, beautification, sports, infrastructure, curriculum, graduate studies, diversity, research, community outreach, etc. The 22 committees met during the Spring and Summer of 05 and produced three page summary reports. At the same time, each school, business affairs, and student affairs developed their own strategic plans. A writing committee, co-chaired by the Provost and Nelsen, with three faculty members, two deans, and a member of the staff was created to adapt these documents into a unified Strategic Plan. On September 29, 2005, Nelsen presented President Daniel with version 7 of the Strategic Plan—that plan went through numerous revisions, and during the month of February, Version 27 was put on the web for public comment. The Academic Senate unanimously endorsed the Strategic Plan at its February meeting. The website received over 3,600 visits, and almost 100 responses were gathered either from the website or in memo format. Those responses were used to revise the plan once again, and a finalized version of the Strategic Plan will be released at the President's investiture on March 29, 2006.