Accomplishments

● Organized the committee into four focused sub-groups:
  o Academic Advising and Student Success
  o Academic Innovation
  o #Only@GW STEM
  o Leveraging GW’s Location
● Drafted an initial set of 6 pillar principles.
● Completed a SWOT analysis and accompanying narrative of the current state.
● Invited Cheryl Beil, Associate Provost Academic Planning, to provide:
  o information on Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) survey research and analysis visualizations
  o plus access to existing (IRP) Dashboards covering enrollment, degrees awarded, retention, grade distribution and other similar data.

Outreach Efforts

● Hosted a community-wide public forum town hall to gather input from the GW community.
● Hosted two student public forums to specifically solicit student input and perspective.
● Solicited and responded to community input via a dedicated Gmail account and a dedicated Webform.
● A subgroup of the committee met with Interim Head of Admissions Ben Toll to get an overview of admissions scenarios related to strategic planning objectives.
● Invited Jordan West, Director of Diversity and Inclusion Education, to address the committee regarding specific information on diversity within a high-quality undergraduate education framework and for how Pillar principles can address diversity.

Challenges

● Timeline: The short and sometimes shifting timeline creates a sense that the committee is not able to do its best work.

Issues of Greatest Focus – Preliminary Recommendations

● Development of goals with clear linkage to the four focus areas (academic advising and student success, academic innovation, #Only@GW STEM, leveraging GW’s location).
Next Steps

- Next committee meeting is Thursday, November 21; Agenda will focus on:
  - Finalizing the principles and identifying 3-6 primary recommendations.
  - Developing and completing goals, metrics and resource requirement that cascade from the principles.