



**Strategic Planning Committee
Third Meeting
December 13, 2010**

Present:

Barbara Baumann (by phone)
Alison Donta-Venman
John Grayson
Steve Herman
Hannah Howard
Eileen Kraus
Ruby Maddox-Fisher
Mary Jo Maydew
Don O'Shea
Paula Pierce
Cynthia Reed
Mike Robinson
Jessica Sidman
Sally Sutherland
Sarah Tulimat

Absent:

Peggy Wolff

Most of the meeting was devoted to a visioning workshop led by Steve Herman. The goal of the workshop was to set forth the components of a vision statement. The actual statement is to be drafted after this meeting and reviewed at the Committee's December 22 meeting. A vision statement is an important precursor to a strategic plan.

The Committee divided itself into six working groups, each charged with developing highest-priority preservation, aspiration, and transformation statements about six aspects of College life: academics, finances, women's education, admissions and reputation, campus culture, and MHC beyond the gates.

Committee members then regrouped and reviewed their statements. Discussion focused on the extent to which the statements incorporated change significant enough to position the College for success in the long term. We explored a number of aspects of a vision for Mount Holyoke and began to develop some consensus ideas that we will continue to discuss at our next meeting.

The Committee discussed next steps and confirmed plans to meet for longer sessions in January and in February after the Board meeting, as well as bi-weekly through the spring.