Notes from WRSC Meeting  
Monday, March 6, 2006  
Hensel Hall Conference Room  
3:00 pm – 4:00 p.m.


Barbara Bowley distributed an article on the complexities of trandisciplinarity since the word appeared in our threaded discussions. Barbara suggested that we might be more at the interdisciplinary stage.

Barbara then wrote down the concerns and the commonalities of the discussions.

Concerns
- Make it short
- What we do, whom we serve, value of our strategy
- Responsive to conditions, both internal and external
- Guide day-to-day operations
- Context statement on how to apply mission
- “Big” underlying area

Commonalities
- Community of learners
- Collaboration
- Acquire and disperse knowledge
- Complexity, constant change
- World driven by innovation and technology
- Complex world
- Highest quality education
- Personal development
- Emerging educational needs of the region

We began a group discussion on what resonated with us from what was written on the board. Lively conversation ensued as to what should be contained in Mission statement: from board and from blog and in-room conversation.

Institution is addressing emerging educational needs of the region and preparing students to be able to respond in a complex, evolving society.

Zelda Gilbert and Nick Roberts with post two alternatives to the mission statement on the Mission Statement Box.