



# Graduate Council Retreat

## Strategic Planning Minutes

5/13/16 – Montpelier Room, 9am - noon

*Supporting, facilitating and promoting excellence in lifelong education  
through graduate programs of distinction, innovative outreach programs and a diverse student body.*

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Attendance: 64 participants, including program directors, department chairs, Strategic Planning taskforce, and staff of The Graduate School.

1. Welcome by Jie Chen  
Introduction of facilitator Rick Larson  
Introduction of the Strategic Planning Task Force
2. Timed group exercise facilitated by Rick Larson  
Attendees were grouped at tables. Goals were displayed on easels, and a fixed time was allotted for each table to move from one easel to the next. Participants placed stars by items that resonated with them as priorities. Yellow cards comment cards were provided on each table for additional input.
3. A full group discussion was facilitated by Rick Larson, addressing each goal based on results of the exercise
4. Jie thanked all who participated and shared next steps. Attendees were dismissed.

The Strategic Planning task force reviewed recommendations from the exercise, comment cards, and discussion, working to revise the goals and strategies. The Strategic Plan of Graduate Education was revised based on the discussions among all participants and within the taskforce at the retreat.

5. Jie thanked the task force, Rick Larson, and all who have been involved and made contributions to this important process. The resulting version of the Strategic Plan for Graduate Education at JMU will be shared with Academic Council for final feedback.