Planning and Feedback Session

The purpose of this session was to determine future events, issues, and trends that could impact - negatively or positively - the way Bismarck State College provides its services, conducts its business, or operates over the next ten years.

Group: Visionary leaders  Date: November 8, 2011  Tool: Future Timeline  # Attendees: 19

1) Digital revolution and the electronification of culture
2) Population growth and diversity
3) Economics
   a. Housing affordability
   b. Salaries
   c. College affordability
4) Development of shorter, certificate-based training programs to ensure the availability of skilled labor
5) Funding availability for students
6) Form alliances with other colleges and universities, particularly out-of-state institutions
7) Through the State Board of Higher Education move toward offering baccalaureate level study through sharing faculty and services
   a. Centralize more services and instruction to cut costs and increase efficiency
8) Conflict between legislators and higher education
9) Not all classes can or should be online
10) Increased engagement with the private sector
11) Higher education dysfunction causes public mistrust
12) Pressure to emphasize student outcomes
13) Prepare for the expansion of the workforce; build workforce programs
14) BSC must be on the cutting edge to meet demographic changes and needs
15) Focus on how to serve the community
16) People will need more convertible skills
17) BSC can lead conversations to help North Dakota meet the challenges of the energy boom and to help the state flourish
18) Adequate housing for workers