Meeting #3 Summary

Welcome and Group Introductions

Talking about Faith
The meeting began by talking in small groups about faith. The questions had the member reflect upon:
Where were you in your faith when you were 18-22? In what ways was your faith strong? In what ways was it not strong? And how has it changed?

Review Prior Meetings/Process
First meeting: Introduction of resources on campus; groundwork.
Second meeting: Clothesline (brainstorming of ideas and recommendations)

Ideas List Overview
Ideas from previous meetings were categorized under the Strategic Initiatives assigned to the group and further sorted by similar theme. Members reviewed the ideas to merge duplicates and look for gaps.

Idea Focusing Exercise
Groups placed sticker dots next to the ideas they believed were most important to bring to the Board of Trustees in the form of recommendations for action and/or funding.

Drafting of Recommendations
The group began the process of drafting recommendations. Below is a listing of the Strategic Initiative and the over-arching category of ideas.

4.1 Challenge all students to develop a mature understanding of Christian faith and a deeper sense of vocation and reflective practice.
Academics
Intra-Christian
Nurturing faith among Christian students (institutionally/structurally)
Public display and statements of church-relatedness
Reflective practice
Service and social justice
Vocation
4.2 Develop and sustain an interfaith culture and habits of interfaith dialogue.
   - Academics
   - Intra-faith and Inter-Christian dialogue
   - Providing support for Non-ELCA Christians and Non-Christians
   - Public Inter-Faith awareness and dialogue
   - Service and justice
   - Vocation and reflection practices

4.3 Develop Gustavus’s relationship to regional, national, and international Lutheran congregations as centers of faith and lifelong learning and venues for learning, artistic performance, and student recruitment.
   - Academics
   - Alumni/parishioners supported and engaged
   - Communication
   - Inter-Faith and Intra-Christian
   - Pastors support