**Facilities Council Focus Group: Strengthened Community**

**Facilities Council, April 10, 2018**

1. More artwork and murals across campus (inside and out)

* Good for the eyes and the spirit
* Depends on who creates it – student art classes? Local artists?
* Nice for employees and students, but hard to link it to student success

1. Improved athletic facilities for local community use
   * Builds community and may bring in revenue
   * Athletic facilities are already doing a fine job of this already
   * Community recognition can build support for a bond
2. Develop student housing
   * Seems outside the “circle” of our core
   * Distraction, takes resources away from our mission
   * If this were a low-income or subsidized housing project for Lane students, may have a different opinion, but the cost and challenges of doing that would make it more expensive and difficult
   * May be interest in assisting students getting housing (not new housing, not Lane-owned housing)
3. Develop and rent space for startup companies
   * IF startups integrate student opportunities
   * We have a version of this right now with Eugene 4J around technology learning
   * Relationship with companies will define impact
   * The way it’s phrased might be misleading – may have voted higher for “develop space for partnerships” rather than rentals; do we want to be landlords? Developing agreements with Pacific University and others may be a good example.
4. Improvements to grounds and gardens
   * skipped
5. Indoor gathering spaces
   * CENTER building before and after is testament to how big this is – may be one of the most successful campus projects ever
   * Smaller gathering spaces that can be used in different ways
   * May bring students to campus more often and staying longer
   * Gathering spaces for formal and informal events build reputation and connection to the college, which aids in student retention and recruitment
6. Outdoor gathering spaces
   * Hardly any covered spaces available, except smoking areas
   * Reflective concrete outside CENTER is hard on the eyes
   * An outdoor classroom that is convenient and maintained would be a great asset
   * So many students responded about the grounds of the college
   * Rated slightly lower than indoor spaces, because I expect they’d be utilized less due to weather and other limitations