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Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

On August 13, 2007, I announced the creation of a new initiative called “MUW 20/20: Envisioning Our Future/Fulfilling Our Promise.” I am pleased to update the campus community on this very important endeavor.

The Focus on the Future Task Force was created last month as a part of the new initiative. The Task Force’s charge was to compile the information gathered from the 20/20 session with faculty, staff and community members, the campus focus group discussions and information from informal conversations with alumni across the state, and to review it and prepare a summary with recommendations on how the University could move forward into the future. As mentioned in previous updates to campus, the goal is to collaboratively and thoughtfully advance our University mission through strategic visioning and goals.

The Focus on the Future Task Force has completed its work, and has presented to me a white paper successfully completing its charge. We are indebted to Cathy Young, Kate Brown, Pat Donat, Robin Holliman, Hal Jenkins, Mary Jo Kirkpatrick, Anika Perkins, Wahnee Sherman and Brandy Williams for their work and dedication in serving in this capacity.

A new website was created and launched last week with information on MUW 20/20. The website can be accessed from an icon on the university’s home page, and includes the final report of the MUW 20/20 task force, a list of the individuals who participated in the 20/20 process, summaries of the 20/20 summit, summaries of focus group sessions and discussions with alumni, and letters submitted to the campus community during the MUW 20/20 process.

The President’s Cabinet is currently reviewing the Task Force’s report and recommendations, and I look forward to responding to the campus community and to our friends and constituents on April 7 as to our future direction.

Sincerely,

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