

Subject: Invitation from UOIT President McTiernan for students to contribute to the Strategic Planning process

Dear UOIT students,

After nearly a decade of operations and two successful strategic plans, UOIT finds itself on the threshold of significant choices. Having grown to more than 8,400 undergraduate and graduate students UOIT has differentiated itself from other post-secondary institutions through its unique vision, mission, and ground-breaking, technology-intensive learning environment. UOIT must now determine how it will evolve and transform.

This transformation will start with a strategic plan; but, a plan can only be achieved through the commitment and involvement of the entire UOIT community. As we embark on the development of our next five-years we are inviting all members to contribute their thoughts and ideas on how we can become a preeminent university in the 21<sup>st</sup> century while adhering to our mission.

To this end, we will hold two town hall sessions for students in concert with Your Student Association and we want to hear from as many of you as possible.

Town hall details:

	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Session 2</b>
<b>Date</b>	Monday Nov 7, 2011	Tuesday Nov 8, 2011
<b>Time</b>	5:00 – 6:00 pm	10:00-1100 am
<b>Location</b>	UB2080	DTA 219

In addition, those who cannot attend or are wishing to contribute in addition to the town halls can do so via the [strategic planning website](#). There you will find information regarding the process, timeline, a set of questions that will be explored during the town hall sessions as well as a form to submit questions or comments. The website will be updated as the process unfolds and if you have suggestions regarding that please send those along too.

Once the consultations are complete, the data gathered will be reviewed and synthesized and then presented to our Board of Governors for discussion and approval to continue to the next phase.

A strategic plan without your input is merely words on a page. I welcome and encourage your involvement in this most important exercise.

Sincerely,

Tim

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