Unifying Academic Theme Final Report Submitted: May 8, 2008 Chair/Co-Chairs: David Cox

Recommendation	Anticipated Impact/Result	Action Steps
1. Pursue the Carnegie Foundation "Community Engagement Elective Classification."	Official recognition by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships. Institutional policies on promotion and tenure would need to be addressed.	Chancellor will appoint an ad hoc committee to further examine this proposal (see attached documents on Community Engagement).
2. New initiative to define our different communities and to look for creative ways to engage students, faculty, staff, alumni and community stakeholders.	Fostering a renewed sense of belonging to a learning community.	See above.
3. Inventory and showcase what we are doing.	Better public understanding of the work we already do in the community.	See above.
4. Revisit the university-wide strategic plan.	Informs the planning process around the concepts of community engagement and providing opportunity.	As part of the ongoing strategic planning process, the Executive Council will re-examine the plan during its annual retreat. The chairs of the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate will be asked to participate in this session, which will be facilitated by Charlie Appleby.