**Strategic Planning Focus Group ROTC**

**Friday, April 29, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**

**9 students attended (5 in-person and 4 via Zoom)**

**Facilitated by Ryan Zerr**

1. **Why did you choose to attend UND?** 
   1. Liked the campus, layout, faculty were exciting, ROTC here
   2. Location, far enough from Fargo, but still able to visit on weekends
   3. Liked the people and students
   4. Nursing program (compared to NDSU and MSUM), nursing program has the best program around
   5. Good environment, especially studying, high quality academics
   6. UND was recommended to me, and interested in ROTC, academics, good tutoring opportunities, connections to UND, more resources from a smaller college
   7. Aviation program, only program that has UA specific major, ROTC
   8. Atmospheric Sciences (great program), ROTC program (good size),
   9. Cost
2. **How do you describe UND to your family, friends, and neighbors?**
   1. Cold (weather wise)
   2. UND is very geared towards academics
   3. From NDSCS to UND, faster environment, higher workload
3. **Who does UND serve, and do you believe we are currently meeting these needs?** 
   1. UND is relatively equal, but regarding parking, there are more administrative lots in comparison to student lots
   2. Specifically in upper-level science classes, many of the faculty are just there to teach and do not care if you fail, rather than having the approach of helping students succeed
   3. Less faculty for the sciences, only one to choose from, having more faculty options for classes, as not everyone learns the same way
   4. Food services (dining services) at Wilkerson (always the same options, never switch it up)
4. **What has the university done to benefit you or your student organization most?** 
   1. Good volunteering opportunities (Ralph, recruiting tables at events)
   2. Accommodate ROTC students during training time, using HPC for PT and training, access to facilities
5. **What might the university do better to help you, or your student organization succeed?**
   1. Update to ROTC Armory building (i.e., crack in floors)
   2. Parking, more options near the Armory
6. **What have been your best experiences at UND?** 
   1. The education program
   2. The ROTC program
   3. Going to Hockey and football games
   4. Activities during winter, help when you can’t go outside due to inclement weather
   5. Sponsored activities in the Memorial Union (i.e., Pretzel Day, every student gets a free pretzel)
   6. New Union (variety in food options)
   7. Convenience stores in Union and Wilkerson
7. **Would you recommend UND to your family and friends, why or why not? Can you see yourself returning to UND as an alumnus?** 
   1. Yes, for further education
8. **As a student, what concerns you most about UND? What do you think needs improvement?**
   1. MATH Mall, it is recommended as a way for help, but when you ask for help from the tutors, they are note helpful. Only a couple tutors will help. The method that the tutors provide needs to be changed as not everyone learns that way.
   2. Human Anatomy at SMHS, no parking available for those who have a “housing pass” as they only have Student lots and administrative lots.
   3. Dorms and their AC and heating. So hot in the summers and too hot in the winter as well.
   4. Information on how to utilize the Hyslop pool. Make the Hyslop pool facilities more accessible and their features widely known.
   5. Summer housing, student must move out of current dorm and into summer housing in 5 days, but doesn’t have a clear idea of how this is done
   6. UND Shuttle is gone, now it is with the city busses, bringing back UND shuttles could help the parking issues on campus
   7. More resources at the Counseling Center to meet the demand
9. **What would be your vision for UND’s future? Do you have any ‘big dreams’ for the institution?**
10. Better parking
11. Having better pre-medical programs (i.e., Pre-PA)
12. Having Aviation’s resources available to all students, not just aviation students
13. Upgrading facilities
14. No construction zones