



September 3, 2014

**Re: Strategic Planning Framework Update**

I am writing to report on the progress to update the University's Strategic Planning Framework.

Last February, I indicated that a Strategic Planning Committee had been struck to oversee the development of an updated plan. The Committee subsequently launched an extensive period of consultation between mid-February through early April, during which time members of our university and broader communities were asked to share their perspectives, by responding to a series of questions, about the future direction of our university. More than 50 inputs sessions were held involving almost 1200 faculty, staff students and alumni. Each of these sessions was hosted by at least one member of the Strategic Planning Committee and all were facilitated by Learning and Development Services. Ninety-four additional responses were received from individuals, the majority through our on-line feedback portal. This input has and continues to be very valuable to the Strategic Planning Committee as it works to develop an updated Strategic Planning Framework.

The Committee is currently finalizing the *draft* Strategic Planning Framework, following which our university and broader communities will have an opportunity to provide input on the draft plan through an online process. The draft plan will also be forwarded to the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee, Senate Executive, Senate and our Board of Governors for discussion and input. Feedback resulting from these consultation opportunities will be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee and a *final* Strategic Planning Framework will then be formally presented to our governing bodies for approval.

On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the university and broader communities for your input to date and for your anticipated feedback on the draft plan once finalized. Your views have and will continue to shape the direction and priorities for the University of Manitoba over the next five years.