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The following is sent on behalf of Joanne C. Keselman, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost and Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

**Re: Request for Feedback on Draft Strategic Plan**

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, I am pleased to provide a **draft** of *[Taking our Place: University of Manitoba Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#)*. While you will see that there are a couple of sections yet to be completed, this document contains the bulk of the proposed content for the University's updated strategic plan.

As you know, President David Barnard launched the process to update the university's current Strategic Planning Framework in late January of this year. It began with the establishment of a [Strategic Planning Committee](#) charged with the responsibility to develop--through a consultative process--an updated plan for consideration by the University's Senate and Board of Governors.

The work of the Committee began with an extensive period of consultation during which members of our university and broader communities were asked to share their perspectives, by [responding to a series of questions](#), on the future direction of our university. An online portal for individual feedback was established and more than 50 input sessions involving close to 1,200 faculty, staff, students and alumni took place over a [three month period](#). This input has been very valuable to the Committee in the development of this draft plan, and I again thank those of you who shared your ideas and views with us.

In the same spirit, I invite all of you to provide your feedback on this latest draft. The Committee worked hard to create a draft that at once addresses the priorities expressed through the consultative process and inspires our staff, faculty, students and wider community as we embark together on this next chapter. Please take the time to review the draft. We welcome all your comments and suggestions.

This feedback is to be provided through our [online feedback portal](#) and submitted **no later than Friday, October 3, 2014**. At the same time, input from other committees and bodies on the draft plan will also be sought, including the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee, Senate and our Board of Governors. The Strategic Planning Committee will consider this feedback while developing a final strategic plan that will be presented to Senate and the Board of Governors for formal consideration.

We look forward to receiving your feedback. Thank you.