Quinnipiac discusses next steps for 'Strategic Visioning' process



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Quinnipiac University gathered students and faculty on Thursday afternoon to discuss the first part of its "Strategic Visioning" process.

New this year and led by President Marie Hardin, the strategic visioning discussions highlight the university's mission, values, vision and the "strategic plan that will bring it all to life," according to the university website.

Hardin began the discussion by stating her plans for the event.

"We're going to be talking today about mission, about values and about vision," Hardin said.

During the discussion, Hardin introduced Paul Friga, clinical professor of strategy at UNC Keenan Flagler School of Business. Friga discussed the key components of a strategic vision, highlighting how the mission statement, vision and values make a successful strategic vision.

"Those statements… will then feed into action. And the way it feeds into action is through articulated priorities at the institution level," Friga said.

Hardin then proceeded to discuss Quinnipiac's values, mission statement and vision.

"(The university's values) is a reflection of your input. This is a reflection of hundreds of survey responses from the community," Hardin said.

Hardin defines Quinnipiac's values in three words: Fierce, passionate and bold.

"We're fierce about our commitment to our students… I'm passionate about this community… and what I'm bold about, well for me, just about our future," Hardin said.

Hardin summed up the mission statement: "We prepare graduates as enlightened global citizens equipped for the challenges and opportunities of current and future careers."

Hardin also said, "We are in the business of higher education," regarding the university's mission.

Referring to the university's vision, Hardin asked attendees three questions: "What are the things we have that can't be replicated? What is our unique place in the marketplace? And then how can we amplify that?"

Following this, Hardin allowed the audience 15 minutes to answer these questions and provide feedback through an online survey.

Some of the feedback that was received included, "location next to Sleeping Giant State Park," "a great growth mindset of all stakeholders" and a "willingness to change, to take risks," Hardin mentioned.

While Hardin discussed the values and mission of Quinnipiac, she did not mention any concrete plans for the university's vision. Hardin's focus is on creating a vision based on community feedback.

Hardin mentioned that this feedback will be used in the next steps of the strategic visioning process, with plans for more survey opportunities.

This is only the first part of the university's strategic visioning process, with another discussion being held on Feb. 19.



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Students, faculty and staff participate in the Strategic Visioning process.



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Quinnipiac President Marie Hardin asking the crowd what prides them about the last five years of strategic planning.

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tion number will be able to select a space that will accommodate the size of their group (e.g. 4, 5, 6, or 8)."

Groups who do not make it into the initial round of selection will be moved to the second round of selections and will have to adjust the size of their group.

For current first-years who are new to



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Several changes to the housing selection process will go into effect for the 2026-27 housing selection including The Hill being an option for junior housing.



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The former first-year only residence hall, Mountainview, will now be an option for sophomore housing during the selection process as well.

years, sophomores and juniors. Mountainview was previously home to only first-years.

Mountainview is now officially an option for rising sophomores along with the usual options: The Hill, The Village, Sahlin, Bakke, Larson, Perlroth and Troup.

This is not the only change in options. Currently only sophomores are housed in The Hill and Founders on the Mount Carmel Campus. However, they are both now an option for rising juniors.

Crescent, Westview, Townhouses and Whitney Village remain as junior housing options.

"We believe these changes will have a positive impact, and while no housing process can guarantee that every student gets their first choice, our goal is to make the experience as fair and transparent as possible," Karipidis wrote.