To Whom It May Concern:

As the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, we submit our suggested changes to the University of Nebraska at Kearney Strategic Plan Working Draft #11. The suggestions were generated by several members of the Student Senate such as; Speaker Amber Lewis, Director of Community Relations Tom Schlund, Senator, Travis Checketts, Senator Kyle Bowers, Senator Jamie Christensen, and Senator Morgan Kenney, as well as undergraduate student Nick Auwerda, and a graduate student Luke Morrill.

Our first impressions of the document were of confusion, as the document seemed very faculty centered in our opinion. We felt that at a public university the students should come first. One will notice when reviewing our corrections that we changed many items to put students first or above faculty in many places. We do not mean to exclude faculty by any means. We believe that students are the heart of the university, but a university is nothing without great faculty. A great faculty breeds great students, but the Strategic Plan did not reflect that view.

A few of the other changes came about to make the Strategic Plan stronger and more excellence oriented. As students we should not just be satisfied with our education, we should be proud that we attended UNK.

We would like to thank the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Student Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate for allowing us to have this opportunity and to affect the educational experience of future Lopers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Travis Checketts
Public Relations Committee Chair