

## SETTING OUR FUTURE DIRECTION

The process of developing a new strategic plan for the Mount continues to progress.

Late last spring, a new Strategic Planning Working Group was formed, including student, faculty, staff and Board of Governors representatives. With input from this group, an approach was developed to guide a thorough consultation of our University community this fall. The Working Group met in late August to confirm our consultation approach. They recommended the creation of an environmental scan to inform the consultation process and provided their input on questions to ask our stakeholders and how best to solicit input.

Now, as we seek to identify our shared institutional priorities, we intend to initiate a thoughtful consultation with an expansive list of constituent audiences. We'll ask questions about recent goals, partnerships, organizational attributes and aspirations, factors affecting the University, and more.

Individuals and groups with an interest in the Mount can provide their input to the strategic plan in several ways. A feedback form is available on the MSVU website. We also plan to host town hall-style gatherings to engage in planning dialogue this fall. We plan to reach out to MSVU groups, existing committees, and partners to ensure we secure their input as part of our consultation process.

Based on the input gathered, our new strategic plan will articulate our way forward. It will be a statement about the unique contributions our University can and will make within an evolving context. The needs of our students, employees, communities and world are changing – and we need to be prepared to influence and respond.

In the end, our new strategic plan will also be a tool against which we can assess our progress as an institution. It will be operationalized, monitored and measured.