Metro Campus Analysis

Dr. Daniels presented the following recommendations to the Board on 4/8/2015. These recommendations will be brought before the Board at the May 13, 2015, meeting for final consideration and vote.

- **RECOMMENDATION 1**: Commit to serving the South Madison community. I am recommending that the Board grant the authority for the college to research sites and secure a site that represents the inclusion of defined comprehensive services and programming and will continue to serve the South Madison area. That site may be leased or owned. Concurrent with researching and securing a site, the current lease will be addressed. The basis on securing a site will be “what is the best site option to provide defined comprehensive services and programming that is mission driven, fiscally sound and sustainable.” Prior to beginning the process of researching and securing a site, a task force will be created to define a campus, center and site that meets the accreditation standards and will be inclusive of the breadth and depth of services and programs to be offered in each of those categories. The task force should complete their work by August 1, 2015.

- **RECOMMENDATION 2**: End the lease at West Campus when it concludes in June, 2016. A transition team would be created immediately to develop plans that address current and prospective students, program offerings, and future services to west Madison (primarily west of the Beltline), and to ensure an orderly transition from the facility currently occupied. The transition plan created will be adaptable to future situations.

- **RECOMMENDATION 3**: Sell the Downtown Education Center (DTEC) after securing a site that will provide defined comprehensive programming and services that serve South Madison as indicated in Recommendation 1. A transition team will be created to address current and prospective students, program offerings, and the continuing relationship with the University of Wisconsin and the downtown arts community. The process for the eventual sale of the property will probably occur over a 2-3 year period. A substantial offer or other option that would allow us to move more expeditiously may be considered, providing that it is in the best interest of the College and its students. The recommendation also includes the authority to begin the process of reviewing options related to the sale of DTEC, in addition to entering into any responsible and prudent agreement for the sale of DTEC.