In order to provide a dynamic and effective strategic plan, the Board of Regents subscribes to the following Guiding Principles for the on-going development and review of the MUS Strategic Plan.

**Systematic**
The planning and review cycle for the MUS Strategic Plan will take place over the course of a biennium, whereby the Plan is assessed, reviewed, and updated at the beginning of each biennium.

**Accountable**
Outcomes and measurements of the strategic goals will be made public and communicated on a regular basis.

**Inclusive**
The planning and review process will seek to include a broad array of stakeholders from throughout the state.

**Flexible**
The MUS Strategic Plan is intended to be a flexible document that can adapt to the changing environment within higher education and throughout the state/nation.

**Campus Connected**
Campus strategic plans will be connected to the broader strategic goals in the MUS Strategic Plan.

**Statewide Focus**
The planning process will include a statewide focus on advancing higher education throughout the entire state.

**National Context**
National trends and initiatives will be considered throughout the planning process and aid in the development of strategies and initiatives.

### 2013 Biennial Planning Timeline

- **July 2011** – MUS Planning Meeting (assess, review and update)
- **Sept 2011** – Board of Regents approval of operating budgets
- **July 2012** – Annual update to outcome measurements (posted to web)
- **Sept 2012** – Dec 2012 – Communication and advocacy campaign related to strategic plan