To the Georgia Tech Community:

The preliminary draft subcommittee reports are in, and we are in the process of creating a cohesive vision for Georgia Tech and a first draft of the plan. I hope that those of you who were in attendance at the Jan. 21 town hall to discuss our Strategic Vision enjoyed the lively conversation. Joe Bankoff’s presentation — a hypothetical look back from the future — was engaging, entertaining, and inspiring, and I think we all benefited from his unique perspective on how Georgia Tech might evolve over the next twenty-five years.

Now comes the hard part. While it is relatively easy to think creatively and expansively about what Georgia Tech might be, trying to put that in some sort of consolidated vision will be a real challenge. This is the time when we begin to commit ideas to paper, and in my experience the process of narrowing the focus is not taken lightly or done easily. A writing team of faculty and staff is currently working to develop a first draft. Once completed, we will offer each of you the opportunity to comment through the Strategic Vision Web site.

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