President Hinton provided an overview of the Strategic Directions 2020 planning process. She described the planning process as an opportunity to look forward and imagine a future for the College of Saint Benedict. The choices we make now and the directions we choose will impact the value of a CSB for years to come.

President Hinton asked Senators to consider the following questions:

It is 2020. What distinguishes CSB from other institutions? What makes us unique? What attracts students to CSB? What are you proudest of as an alum?

Responses:

- CSB is an inclusive community, embracing all people.
- We remain one of the few women’s colleges, empowering women.
- We will provide resources to out-of-state students (who cannot leave on weekends and breaks), engaging them and supporting them.
- We will attract strong corporate recruitment and be recognized as a place producing smart, well-rounded graduates.
- 100% of our students will be engaged in activities on-campus and off-campus.
- We will be recognized for our unique student-faculty-staff relationships.
- Small class size.
- We will be a localized community with global perspective.
- We will provide more resources for low-income students and students of color both to attract them to CSB and to help them take advantage of opportunities here as students.
- Strong alumnae network.
- Leadership in sustainability.
- Increased racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of students and faculty.
- We will be known as a high value college because of the quality of jobs our graduates hold and enduring value of the liberal arts.
- Rigorous and challenging curriculum and courses.
- Increased national and international geographic diversity.
- Improved or expanded majors and minors, particularly in specialized fields like special education, marketing, public relations, and engineering.
- We will provide contemporary teaching that facilitates learning.
- We will have a strong relationship with Saint John’s while maintaining our separate identities.
- Faculty and staff will seek out student input and opinion and use it.
- We will be known for student:faculty research opportunities.
- We will be a leader in promoting women’s leadership.