Strategic Areas:

Some of the areas we should consider in the plan are (in no particular order) include:

- Cyber security
- Strategic design thinking
- Unmanned autonomous vehicles
- Defense manpower planning and management – recruiting, training, education, retention; we also discussed considering the overall size and composition of the military under this area.
- Joint and combined operations – both how we educate officers for this and research needed to improve how military does this.
- Mix of educational modalities – residential, distance, hybrid; synchronous and asynchronous
- Mix of education types – degree, certificate, professional development, executive education
- Big Data/ Data Analytics/Data Science – focus on applications in defense domains. These methodologies may cut across many application domains NPS has strengths in.
- Irregular Warfare, including technology to support it, doctrine, ethics, tactics, strategy, training, intelligence and data analytics
- Defense related energy
- Wargaming
- Role of the NPS Foundation
- NPS’s relationship with private industry, including both defense and technology industries
- Organizational structure of NPS – including our internal structure and whether we should consider something different from our “appropriated funds” organization (e.g. FFRDC, joint status or working capital organization). Achieving excellence in all we do.