UNC planning is an ongoing, iterative process of taking control of our own future in order to fulfill the University’s mission and our shared vision for UNC. The process includes multiyear direction setting and priority setting (A and B); development of a multiyear University plan and resource allocation strategy (C); annual identification and implementation of action steps and budgets (D); and evaluation of both the planning process and its outcomes (E).

**Key System Elements**

The ultimate purpose of planning at UNC is to ensure that we are implementing the vision articulated by the Strategic Framework as effectively and efficiently as possible. Considering eight Key System Elements and the interactions among them is a way of thinking about the organic, dynamic nature of the University as we plan. The elements are not of equal importance, but each has some bearing on our ability to fulfill the vision articulated by the Strategic Framework.

**Set Direction**

To fulfill the Strategic Framework vision, articulate our aspirations for each of the nine areas that comprise the core mission and function of the University.

**Identify Priority Actions**

Identify the most important things to do to achieve our aspirations

**Develop Multiyear University Plan & Resource Allocation Strategy**

Taking a University perspective and considering both our aspirations and the realities of the eight Key System Elements:

1. Refine and order Priority Actions for areas comprising the core mission and function of UNC, and
2. Identify Priority Actions for major university-wide support functions
3. Identify resource allocation strategies

**Evaluate Planning Process & Outcomes**

Annually examine the effectiveness of our planning process and the extent to which we translated the Multiyear University Plan and Resource Strategies into action.