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Frank Power-Notes upon Reading Russell Consulting Report  
Of Findings: PLATO Member, Leader, And Course coordinator  
Perceptions and Expectations of PLATO.

1. There is an overall strong and positive regard for PLATO and its Programs and Events as it begins its 30<sup>th</sup> year.
2. A main challenge is to provide enough good courses -in convenient places. Throughout Madison and parts of Dane County- wherein openings are sufficient to satisfy our burgeoning membership.
3. Supplying a variety of Special Educational and Cultural Events- distant and local-at moderate cost.
4. Sustaining and promoting the voluntary essence of PLATO, its "Participatory" nature and doing better at asking and assisting new volunteers, coordinators, and leaders, and members.
5. Solving administrative/financial issues accompanying growth and communication while keeping strong relationship with UW/DCS.
6. Maintaining and improving varied social opportunities-course related and others including some evening and weekend opportunities.
7. There is little mention of PLATO's charitable mission and even some doubt it is essential to PLATO which it formally is.
8. There is some interest in organizational diversity and stimulating personal community engagement. However, there are also some related qualms that PLATO would be irreparably damaged by advocacy, activism and "politicization."