

Strategic Leadership An Introduction

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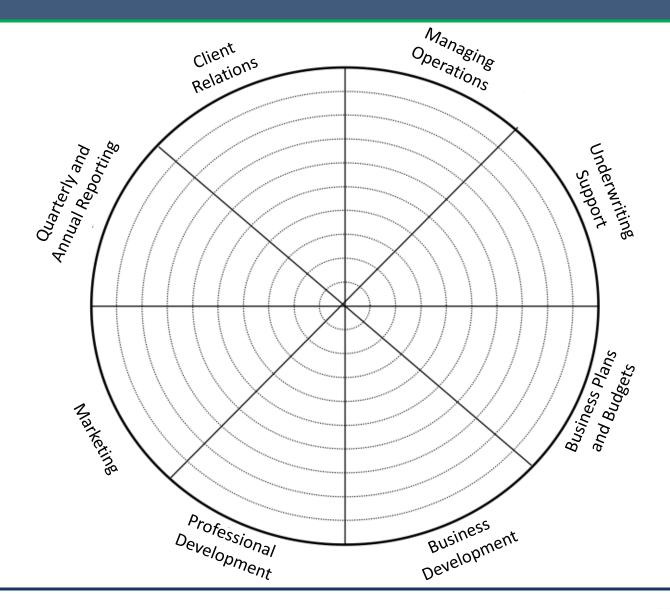




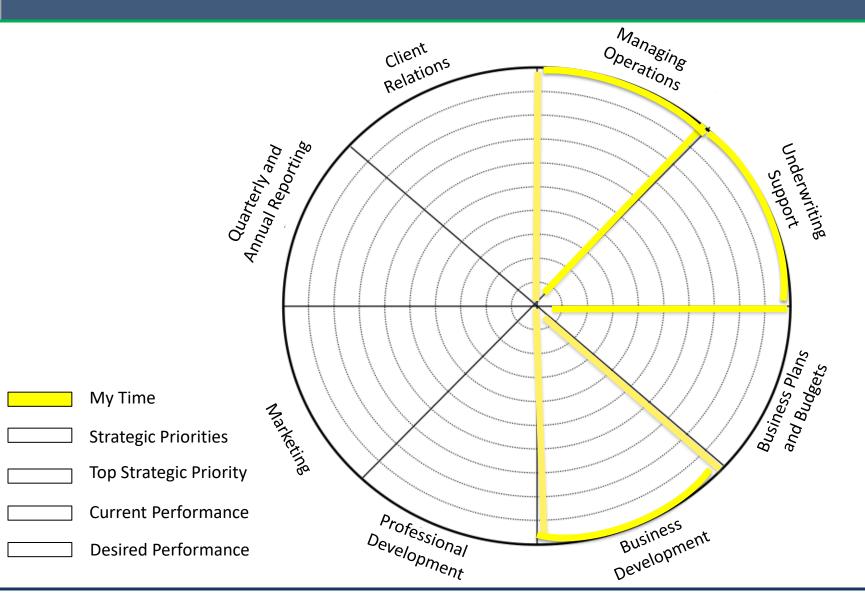
Pre-Work: Areas of Responsibility

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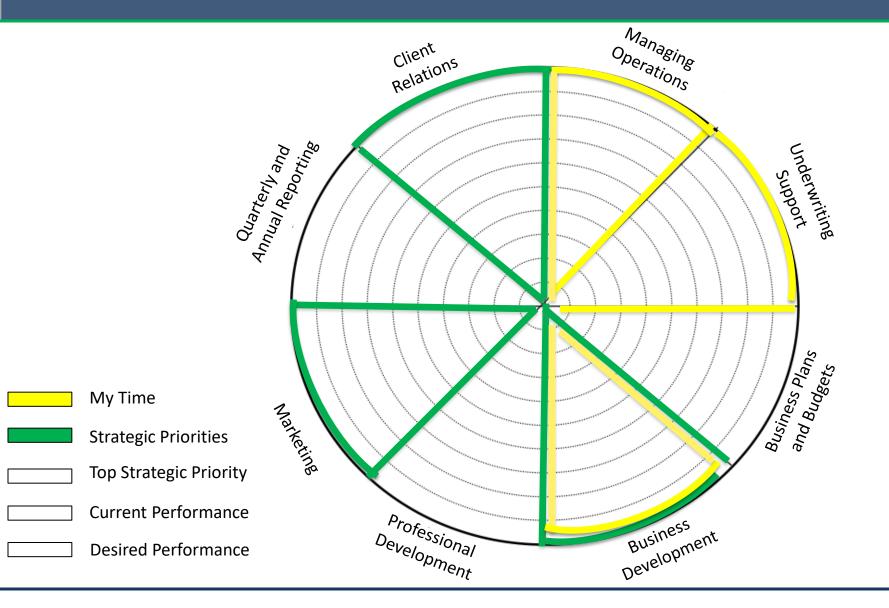




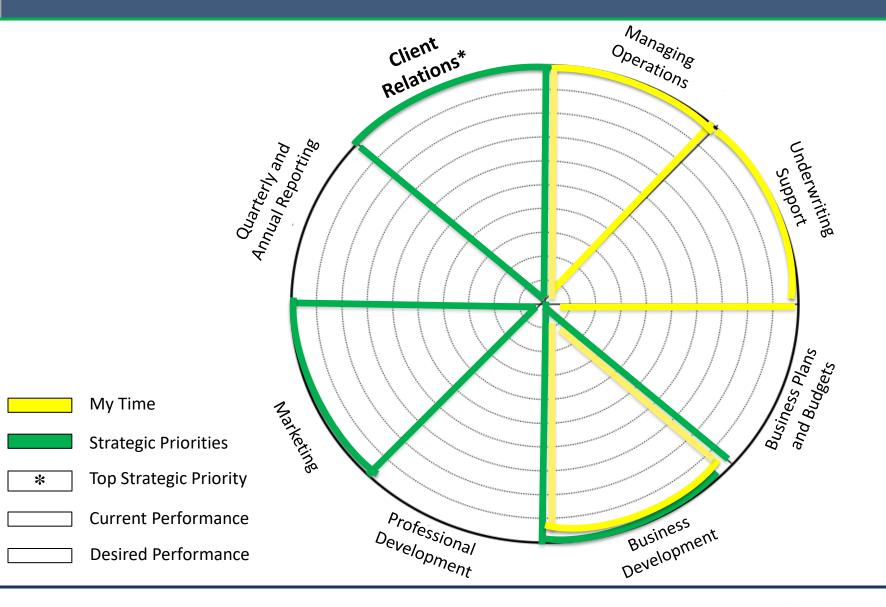














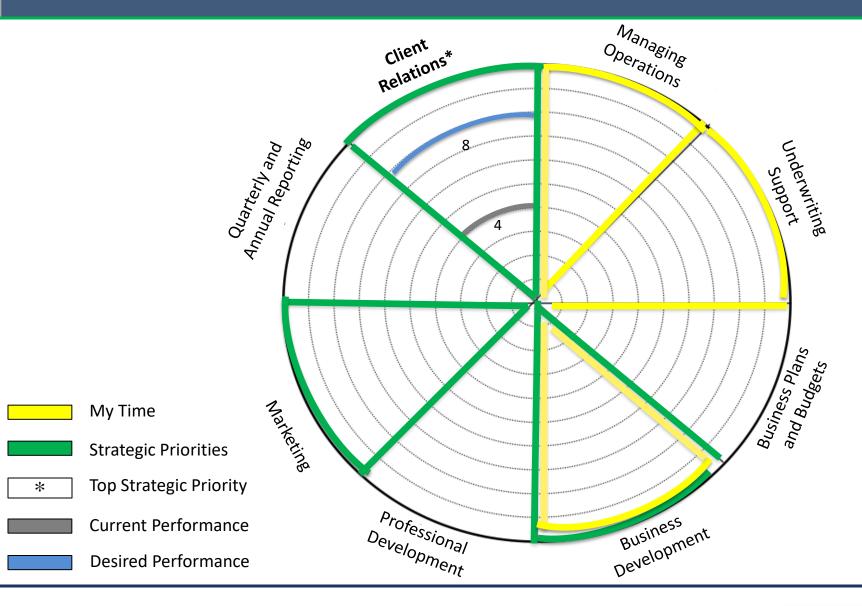
Performance of Top Strategic Priority?

On a Scale of 1 – 10

1 = Unsatisfactory; 10 = Outstanding

- What is your <u>current</u> level of performance for your top priority?
- What is your <u>desired</u> level of performance for your top priority?









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Reflection



Peer Discussion

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Individuals and teams demonstrate strategic leadership when they

think, act and influence

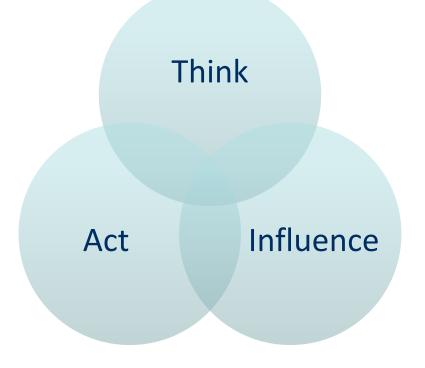
in ways that promote

sustainable advantage for the organization



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Why is Strategic Leadership Important?

- Work more complex
- Pace of change
- Increasing uncertainty





Strategic vs. Operational Leadership

Strategic

- Broad scope
- Long-term goals
- Major org change

Operational

- Narrower scope
- Day-to-day goals
- No major changes





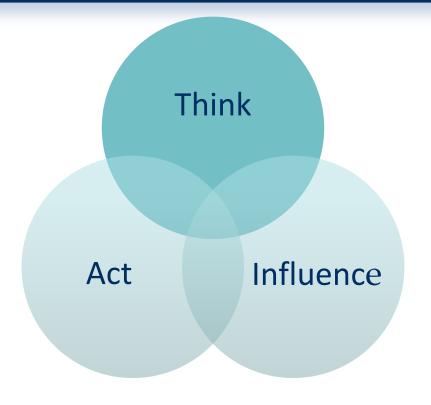
What Limits Strategic Leadership?

- Lack of focus
- Loose tactics
- Limited range
- Not involving others





Strategic Thinking







Strategic Thinking

...the cognitive process required for the collection, interpretation, generation and evaluation of information and ideas that shape an organization for sustainable competitive advantage.





Aspects of Strategic Thinking

Two sets of competencies:

Analytics

& Emotional intelligence

Quantitative

& Qualitative thinking

Verbal

& Visual communication

Head

& Heart





Thinking strategically...

What is my primary goal for my top strategic priority?

Expand perspective of Strategic Thinking:

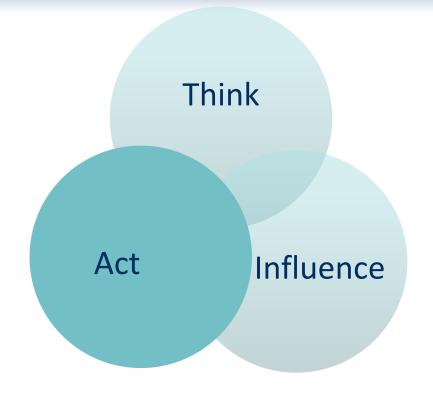
- Integrate quantitative and qualitative info
- Include verbal and visual component
- Speak to head and heart







Strategic Acting







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Strategic acting is committing resources to build sustainable competitive advantage





Strategic Acting

Strategic acting requires:

- Setting clear priorities
- Creating conditions for others' effectiveness
- Acting in the face of uncertainty
- Acting with long and short term in mind





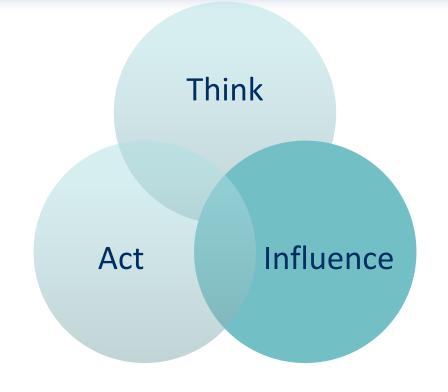
Acting strategically...

Which element of Strategic Acting could have the greatest impact on improving performance for my strategic priority?

What can you do to be more effective in this component of Strategic Acting?

Reflection







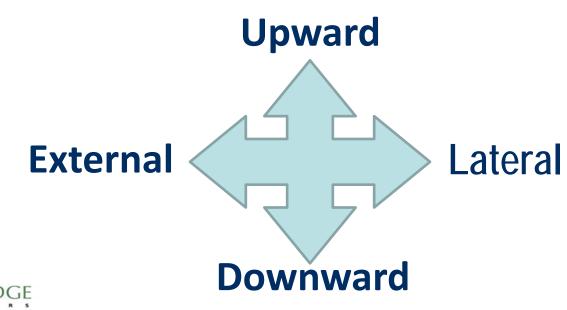


 Strategic leaders cannot achieve success by themselves, and require a commitment of many others.

 Strategic influence is how leaders engender commitment to strategic direction.



Strategic influencing creates buy-in:







Key Strategic Influencing Skills:

- Political Savvy
- Self-Promotion
- Leveraging Networks
- Building & Maintaining Trust



To Influence others and generate commitment:

- Examine yourself and
- Build your credibility base



Influencing strategically...

In thinking about my top priority area, in what direction do I most need to influence (up, down, laterally, externally) in order to be effective?

What can I do to strengthen the impact of My influence?





Business Cases

- 1. Assemble in break out groups
- 2. Select a scribe for high level notes
- 3. Review case
- 4. Compile clarifying questions
- 5. Sharon or Dori will rotate and respond
- 6. Brainstorm: How can the leader demonstrate Strategic Leadership Skills?
- 7. Share out feedback with group





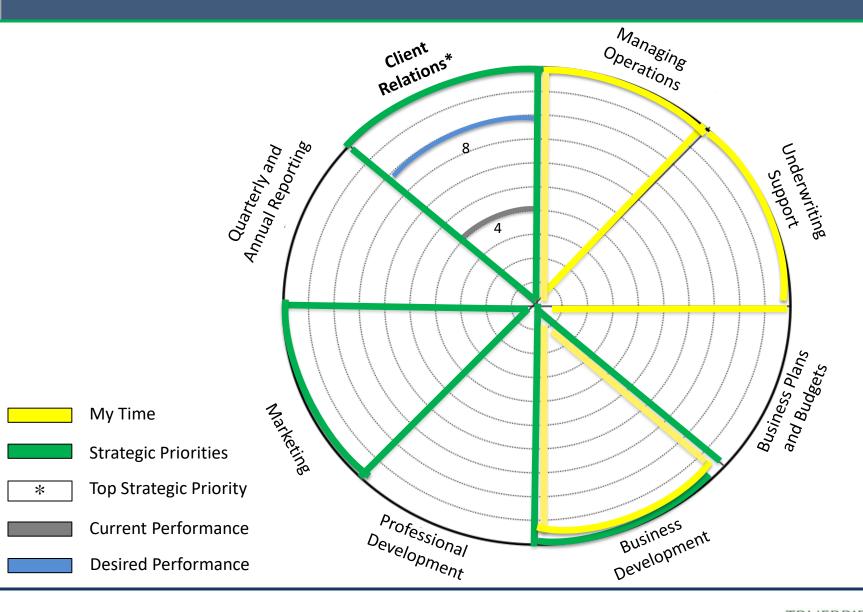
Business Case Group Feedback

 How might this leader best exercise Strategic Leadership Skills in preparing for the upcoming challenge?

 How might this leader Think Strategically, Act Strategically, Influence Strategically?









Strategic Leadership

Reflections

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Commitments







The Strategic Leader

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June 6 Workshop #2 Building Strategic Competence

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