The meeting was called to order by the Chair Kathleen Wilson with the following Senators and visitors present:

**College of Architecture & The Arts**
- Kathleen Wilson
- Jaime Canaves
- Absent: Shahin Vassigh
- Barbara Watts

**College of Arts & Sciences**
- Gerardo Aladro
- Joan Baker
- John Makemson
- Joerg Reinhold
- Thomas Breslin
- John Clark
- laurie Collins
- piero Gardinali
- alan Gummerson
- Krish Jayachandran
- victor Uribe
- Dean Whitman
- Absent: Dawn Addy
- Astrid Arraras
- Whitney Bauman
- Paula Gillespie
- Sneh Gulati
- Wenzhi Li
- Jean Rahier
- Ronn Silverstein
- Oren Maxwell
- Rene Price
- Hassan Zahedi

**College of Business Administration**
- Elisabeth Beristain – Moreiras
- Delano Gray
- Clark Wheatley
- Absent: Krishnan Dandapani
- Shahid Hamid
- cliff Perry

**College of Education**
- Teresa Lucas-Alternate
- Martha Pelaez
- Absent: Leonard Bliss

**College of Engineering**
- Malek Adjouadi
- Absent: Albert Gan
- Mohammed Hadi
- Osama Mohammed
- Gang Quan
- Berrin Tansel

**School of Hospitality**
- Nancy Scanlon
- Absent: Jonathan Pernick

**School of Journalism**
- Neil Reisner
- Maria Elena Villar

**College of Law**
- Jan Oseitutu
- Megan Fairlie

**Library**
- Lauren Christos
- Patricia Pereira-Pujol

**College of Medicine**
- Irina Agoulnik
- John Delzell
- Dietrich Lorke
- Absent: Ferdinand Gomez
- Richard Lynn

**College of Nursing & Health Sciences**
- Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo
- Amy Paul-Ward
- Absent: Lucie Dlugasch

**College of Public Health & Social Work**
- Nasar Ahmed
- Marisanna Baum
- Ray Thomlison

**Guest:**
- Bill Anderson
- Elizabeth Bejar
- Alexis Calatayud
- Helen Cornely
- Adam Drisin
- Kenneth G. Furton
- Yosi Hernandez Suarez
- Andres Gil
- Jeffrey Gonzales
- Emily Gresham
- Juneisy Hawkins
- Ranu Jung
- Barbara Manzano
- Aime Martinez
- Winifred Newman
- Michaela Plugarasu
- Douglas Robertson
- Brian Schriner
- John Stuart
- Adrian Suarez Avila
- Damaris Valdes
- Eric Wagner
The Strategic Planning Process

Focus Committees

1. Student Success (iREAL Recommendations 1, 2, 3)
2. Preeminent Programs (iREAL Recommendations 5, 7, 9)
3. Financial Base/Efficiency (iREAL Recommendations 3, 4, 5, 8)
4. Carnegie Very High Research Designation (iREAL Recommendations 4, 6, 7, 8)

Preeminent Programs (iREAL Recommendations 5, 7, 9)

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Recommendation 7: Innovate and integrate healthcare education, research, and delivery
Recommendation 9: Leverage global status of FIU and Miami

Chair: Eric Wagner, RSCPHSW/Co-Chair: Terry Witherell, External Relations

Committee Members
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- Todd Crowl, CAS, SEAS
- Yesim Darici, CAS, SISH
- Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, CNHS
- Adam Drisin, CARTA
- Shivani Joshi, Chaplin School
- Michelle Mason (Angie Friedman), COL
- Adam Drisin, CARTA
- William Pelham, CAS, SISH
- Carolyn Runowicz, COM

Preeminent Programs: Goals & Preliminary Definitions

The committee’s goals were to...
- refine the iREAL rubric
- develop processes/criteria for identifying and supporting preeminence

Preeminent programs should...
- align with FIU’s mission
- support university themes (Arts, Environment, Globalization, & Health)
- be nationally/internationally recognized
- be collaborative and inclusive
- leverage characteristics unique to FIU/Miami-Dade/South FL
- be self-sustaining
- be reputation enhancing

Preeminent Programs: Rubric

The iREAL rubric is best used as a first-step self-assessment tool for considering preeminence.
- The committee recommended revisions to make it more concise, clear, reliable, valid, transparent, and useful across disciplines.
- The resulting revised iREAL rubric addresses four domains:
  1. University Priorities
  2. Research/Creative Activities
  3. Education Outcomes
  4. Costs to Benefits
- The committee recommended the rubric as just one component of a more extensive preeminence application process.
Preeminent Programs: Identification & Support Processes

The committee recommended the following processes:

1. All FIU programs are eligible and self-identified.
2. Applications will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary “Preeminent Programs Review Committee” (PPRC) appointed by the Provost.
3. Applications will include the self-assessment iREAL rubric, narratives, bios of faculty, quantified impact (people served, money raised, grant awards, and faculty awards, etc.), a five year business and academic plan, a communications and development plan, outside letters of support, and other objective evidence of preeminence.
4. The PPRC will operate like a scientific review/foundation review committee, with recommendations made to the Provost – the ultimate decision-maker.
5. Dedicated infrastructure support should include: pre-application guidance, PPRC review and feedback, targeted and effective PR & marketing, and development, finance, and research support.

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Financial Base/Efficiencies Strategies

GOALS

Operational Efficiencies
- Establish culture of continuous improvement & collaboration
- Streamline business processes starting with the most impactful
- Create climate of accountability
- Eliminate redundancies and consolidate where appropriate
- Centralize/localize strategically
- Evaluate university costs and fee structures
- Contract non-mission critical activities to third parties
- Evaluate monetization of parking and housing systems

Branding & Capital Campaign
- Establish five-year fundraising goals by College/Unit
- Increase alumni networks and engagement
- Evaluate operational & management structures for Development/Fundraising
- Institute synchronized, strategic and ongoing FIU branding
- Optimize University public relations, communications and marketing
**Financial Base / Efficiencies Strategies**

**GOALS**
- Financial Sustainability / Operational Excellence / ASW Students / 2016 Capital Campaign

- Incentive Based Funding Model
  - Align budget to strategic plan
  - Provide transparency in budget methodology by identifying drivers and clearly correlating revenues to allocations
  - Align budget allocations & performance funds to colleges based on outcomes for BOG, BOT & other institutional metrics
  - Incentivize units/faculty/staff to improve outcomes & metrics
  - Enhance financial planning and reporting tools for units

**Operational Efficiencies**

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**Incentive Based Funding**

**Model**

**Revenue Growth / Partnerships**
- Develop incubator for students, faculty, staff and external community for economic development and innovation
- Incentivize and streamline innovation and entrepreneurial initiatives
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Carnegie Very High Research (Recommendations 4, 6, 7, 8)

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Recommendation 6: Intentionally pursue Carnegie “Very High Research” Designation

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Recommendation 8: Strengthen reputation as critical academic partner/solutions center for the local marketplace and beyond

Chair: Andres Gil, Division of Research/Co-Chair: Ranu Jung, College of Engineering

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Carnegie Very High Research: Goals

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Carnegie Very High Research: Different Classifications

- Doctorate Granting Institutions (N=294)
- Very High Research Activity
- High Research Activity
- Research University

Carnegie Very High Research: Research Activity Index

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Carnegie Very High Research

Three sub-committees

• PhD Productivity
• Infrastructure
• Personnel

Carnegie VHR: Infrastructure Group

Major Issues/Recommendations Discussed:
1. Research Unit Infrastructure Organization (RUIO)
   • Create an analytical-STEM complex where laboratories are properly supported
   • Appoint a VP level organizer for research facilities.
   • Allocate space to graduate students
   • Appoint a research purchasing coordinator
   • Improve time for hiring employees (post-docs)
2. Establish mechanism for the creation of interdisciplinary Organized Research Units (ORUs)
3. Allocate funds from both EdG and F&A sources to RUIO and to research equipment fund
4. Develop a communication and marketing plan for FIU research

Carnegie VHR: Personnel Group

Major Issues/Recommendations Discussed:
1. Create Classification System and Career Paths for Research Faculty
   • Increase Research Faculty in strategic and preeminent areas over the next five years
2. Postdoctoral Fellows Initiatives
   • Increase Postdoctoral Fellows in strategic and preeminent areas over the next five years.
   • Individual Development Plan and Annual Review by mentor
   • Postdoctoral Fellows Association
   • Postdoctoral fellows as part of new faculty startup

Carnegie VHR: PhD Productivity Group

Major Issues/Recommendations Discussed:
1. Increase STEM and overall PhD productivity by within the next five years
2. Create new PhD tracks within the strongest existing PhD programs
3. Strategically hire faculty in Ways to Impact VHR Classification
   • Hire in STEM/interdisciplinary/clusters/growing areas
4. Support for better integration of DAS level faculty
   • Secondary appointments for DAS and other outstanding faculty in non-STEM areas and in departments without a PhD program
   • All DAS faculty may chair PhD dissertations
5. Increase endowed chairs and professorships
6. Greater flexibility at the unit level for supporting graduate students
7. Reduce barriers to increasing PhD productivity

Carnegie VHR: Intellectual Property & Research Development

Major Issues/Recommendations Discussed:
1. Increase patent applications
   • Set patent application goals
   • Create Economic Development Fund
     • support technology transfer
     • economic development goals.
2. Create a Technology Hub and Incubator
   • Integrate FIU entrepreneurial activities
   • Recruit experienced leadership to lead Technology Hub and Incubator
Other Topics Under Discussion:

1. Research Merit Bonus Program
2. Department level incentives:
   • Proportion of department faculty with external research funding (regardless of amount)
   • Average number of grant applications and awards
   • PhD student support from external sources
3. Greater autonomy to departments

Student Success: Goals

Goals

• Improve access, retention and timely graduation of our students.
• Integrate career planning from admissions to alumni.
• Mandatory advising, required portfolios including experiential learning
• Develop environment to support sense of belonging for students.

Categories:

• Course Improvement
• Student Support
• Expansion of CAT
• Faculty Support
• Utilizing Technology

Student Success: Categories: Course Improvement

Improving instruction

• Foster a culture shift toward valuing effective teaching (which will require hiring full-time instructors instead of adjuncts to teach critical lower-division courses, cultivating consistency among initiatives, and requiring CAT staff, or similar party, participation in hiring committees)
• Develop reward system to incentivize and celebrate excellent teaching
• Expand CAT

Service Learning

• Grow number and quality of service learning and community based research offerings
• Recognize service learning excellence in teaching + learning

Student Success: Categories: Course Improvement

Redesign of 17 Critical Course

• Convert adjunct to instructor lines where possible, especially high-impact courses, initially focusing on lower division. Recommend 27 lines for Math and English
• Math: 8 hires 2015-16 and 4 hires for 2016-17, 1 full time administrator, additional 200 Seat Mastery Math lab, 78 LA’s for Fall and 50 for summer at $1,500
• English: 7 hires 2015-16 and 8 hires for 2016-17, 1 full time administrator

Writing Across the Curriculum

• Lower class size of ENC 1930, 1101, & 1102 to 20
• Space and equipment for Digital Writing and Research Studio
• WAC-dedicated space

Student Success: Categories: Course Improvement

Revamping First-year Experience/Student Mentors

• Extend to yearlong course (0 credits in fall, 1 in spring, with fall as prerequisite)
• Redesign course with CAT support
• Include discipline-specific cohorts taught by faculty or credentialed administrators
• Expand and enhance use of peer mentors (including out-of-class contact with students), hire peer mentor coordinator, offer stipends to peer mentors
• Support and preparation by CAT for faculty teaching SLS
**Student Success: Categories: Student Support**

**Student Communication**
- Utilize best practices in student communication (including use of social media, succinct emails, and human communication) to help promote student involvement and retention.

**Strategic Use of Financial Aid**
- Allocate additional financial aid funds to be used in intentional, data-driven ways to enhance student success based on model being developed by Noel Levitz
- Launch Financial Literacy program for students and advisors

**Student Organizations**
- Provide support, space, and technical assistance with coordination and scheduling

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**Internships**
- Issue standardized online application and review form for students and employers
- Track number of experiential learning offerings and enrollments by program
- Annotate internship experiences on transcript and/or e-portfolio
- Engage FIU Alumni Association to build an externship program

**Space Management**
- Increase “sticky” space from currently less than 5% to standard 30% for students to study and work collaboratively, and to encourage commuter students to stay on campus (perhaps by moving some services to off-site locations)
- Increase computer labs and study space with electrical outlets and Wi-Fi
- Use current empty and green space for student seating

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**Student Success: Categories: Student and Faculty Support**

**Competency-Based Education & Prior Learning Assessment**
- Conduct feasibility study and small scale pilot study to understand the viability of competency-based education and prior learning assessment at FIU, and determine where to include in organizational structure

**Expand Center for the Advancement of Teaching**
- Add 3 Staff Members
  - STEM, Hybrid, SLS, Graduate Student developers, and full-time office manager

**Faculty Support**
- Faculty Incentives for Excellent teaching
  - Develop effective, fair, and formative system for evaluating teaching
  - Differentiated assignments
  - Expand technology support for faculty, including support for online teaching
  - Offer stipends or course releases for faculty to be part of discipline-based teams
  - Individualized support and consultation by CAT, especially early on, and faculty mentoring

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**E-Portfolios**
- Phased implementation of software (may include internships and evidence of competency-based education and/or prior-learning assessment) to support seamless transition to the workforce

**Online**
- Collaborate with UFF and online quality assurance to ensure that intellectual property is adequately protected
- Develop incentives to adopt low-cost e-textbooks
- Enhance FIU support for web-assisted courses
- Require students to complete training on how to take online courses
- Incentivize faculty to teach online and/or hybrid course ($1500)
- Leverage successful elements of FIU online 2.0 and existing face to face course reform
- Substantial increase of classes and degrees in online setting

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**Hybrid Courses**
- Substantially increase the number of successful hybrid courses at FIU to conserve classroom space and reduce student stress in challenges of FIU access (parking, public transportation, etc.)
- Provide support for hybrid course development training
- Offer $1,500 to attend the Hybrid Academy and partner with CAT
- Hire additional IT instructional staff
  - Non-recurring costs $3.5 million—which includes faculty stipends, classroom conversion.
  - Recurring costs $1.5 million to hire additional IT support

**Computers**
- All students required to have laptops (through financial aid/grants)

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**More Questions/Comments?**

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Thank you!