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USFSP Faculty Research Council and Strategic Planning Subcommittee Meeting
September 5, 2008, 2:00 PM

Members Present: Cynthia Leung, Chair and Co-Chair of Subcommittee; Chris D'Elia, Co-Chair of Subcommittee; Pat Scott, Richard Smith, James Fellows, Kathryn Weedman Arthur, Deborah Henry, Alexander Brice, Barnali Dixon, James McHale

Guest: J. Earnest Gonzalez

New member, Deborah Henry, was welcomed to the Research Council.

Dr. Gonzalez discussed the Strategic Planning Subcommittee's charge to develop action items for the five research strategies. He asked the subcommittee to think of measurable outcomes as initiatives or actions. He thought ideas the subcommittee had suggested at the previous meeting were not easily measurable objectives.

The Research Council/Subcommittee then refocused their thinking and suggested initiatives that would support faculty and student research. Suggestions included to expand faculty research through the establishment of a Faculty Research Grant Center; to develop a research publication for undergraduate research; to conduct faculty-led workshops to learn how to collaborate in research with community partners; to develop research forums with governmental, health, environmental and other nonprofits; to establish a thesis competition for graduate students; and to provide a competition for faculty course release to apply for research funding.

These actions will be finalized through email discussion the following week. Subcommittee Co-Chair Cynthia Leung will then submit the final draft to Dean Frank Biafora for approval by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Leung, 10/12/08