

USF Board of Trustees
Strategic Initiatives Committee Strategic Plan Input Meeting
January 19, 2021
Time: 4:30 – 6:00 PM
Teams Meeting

I. Opening Remarks

Chair Carrere opened the meeting by providing background information and the steps taken to date. He explained a high proficient advisory task force had been created and has already begun working hard. He noted it will extremely important for the task force to reflect on the overarching environment of higher education and incorporate into the final plan.

II. Thoughts on the Strategic Planning Advisory Task Force, and their Charge

President Currall began by reinforcing Chair Carrere's comments and noted his was excited to begin the process. He explained the purpose the meeting is to get input from the Strategic Initiatives Committee meetings. The intention is to be an ongoing dialogue with the committee as the members bring an expertise and knowledge the task force can benefit from.

President Currall explained he was thrilled to have Dr. Charles Stanish chair the task force and Dr. Sylvia Thomas vice chair the task force. He noted he spent a lot of time thinking about the composition of the task force and highlighted it is faculty led. The intention will be to have different members of the task force engage with different university stakeholders.

President Currall highlighted the task force charge, as well as make-up of the task force. He noted the task is diverse in terms of campus, academic discipline, and racial and gender make-up. He reinforced his confidence in the task force leadership.

President Currall reviewed several of the materials already at the disposal of the task force including, but not limited to, the BOG Strategic Plan, the Principles of Community, etc.

III. Initial Task Force workplan and timeline

Vice President and Chief of Staff Brian Ten Eyck began the workplan and timeline presentation by highlighting a process flowchart. He explained the process flow is something the trustees have seen before and provides various inputs, dates, and workflows. He explained the task force will leverage existing materials to aide in their process and begin to work on SWOT analysis.

VP Ten Eyck went on to discuss various components of the work plan including standing workgroup assignments, initial community survey and community stakeholder forums. Director and Deputy Chief of Staff Paige Beles Geers provided a high-level overview of the proposed town hall process and potential dates.

IV. Perspectives on the plan outline and core elements

Chair Stanish highlighted various topics the task force will focus on including institutionalizing a framework for diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, and equity and ways to articulate strategies to knit together USF's campuses while maintaining unique character and strengths of each. Furthermore, he explained the various mechanisms of engagement with external stakeholders.

There was discussion among the trustees regarding input from state, national and international stakeholders. President Currall noted we will continue to seek input and engage the trustees throughout the process and look forward to their guidance and ideas.