

**USF Board of Trustees**  
**Strategic Initiatives Committee Strategic Plan Input Meeting**  
**February 4, 2021**  
**Time: 3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**Teams Meeting**

**I. Opening Remarks**

Chair Carrere opened the meeting by discussing various themes including financial support levels and the ability to accomplish tasks, sources of competitive advantage, student success, alumni support, and USF's aspirational goals. Toward that end, he discussed USF branding and future goals and how to get there.

President Currall discussed USF's strategic future and noted his commitment to an inclusive process. He explained the task force is working to cast a wide net and noted the several opportunities available for the community to engage. He emphasized that the task force is led and composed of mostly faculty and emphasized the importance of the faculty voice. Furthermore, President Currall explained that over the next several weeks, the task force will be distilling down information received and beginning to build a skeleton document. He explained the trustees are a vital part of the process and hoping to receive feedback today.

Chair Carrere explained the process will all university stakeholders and the task force is charged with pulling together all the input into goals to work towards the next several years.

**II. Update on workplan**

Vice Chair Sylvia Thomas provided an update on the work plan, noting the various stakeholders the task force has engaged with thus far. She went on to explain involvement at the town halls and responses to the community input survey and comment submission form.

Trustees discussed faculty engagement and the topics addressed at the town halls. They noted various ways to increase engagement and questions that might be useful to address around program demand and research.

**III. Draft framework and emerging themes**

Chair Stanish provided an overview of the draft framework and noted potential sections of the plan including the planning process, SWOTA and USF'S strategic context, the regional value of a researchintensive, urban-grant university, USF's vision and strategy statements, strategic priorities, institutional commitments, and ways to measure the path forward. He then discussed potential national and aspiration peers for USF.

Chair Stanish closed the presentation by noting various emerging themes to date including the notion of an becoming an urban-grant university, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism, ways to enhance the undergraduate experience, faculty and staff development, and academic clusters.

There was discussion among the turstees regarding urban-grant universities and the need to leverage the strengthens of all three campuses. Further discussion focused on ways to engage with stakeholders and potential survey topics.

Chair Carrere closed the meeting by noting how impressed he was with the progress to date.