

**Summary**

**Present:** Toll, Snyder, Lindsey, Crawford, Lennertz, Oistad, Rollo, Henry, Banks, Ruder, Roberts, Johnson, Shepard, Genson, and Kavanagh **Absent:** Brundage, Magiera, Bullock, Weeks **Guests:** Bradshaw and Roman

**Remarks from President Wilson Bradshaw:**

President Bradshaw thanked the Council for the work it was engaged in and noted that it was an excellent example of shared governance. He said the work being done now was critical to the future of the university.

**Report of the Council Chair:**

Ron Toll mentioned that he had attended the inaugural meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee and had presented the committee with its charge. He also provided information to the Council on the Backe gift that had just been announced adding that it was likely to be a catalyst for further development of the environmental sciences at FGCU. Finally, he noted that a lot of work analyzing faculty and staff needs necessary to sustain our enrollment growth had been conducted and the results of that work would be shared shortly with the PBC's Budget Committee.

**Mission and Vision Reaffirmation Results:**

Paul Snyder discussed the results of the mission and vision reaffirmation process with the Council. He reiterated that input had been gathered through an online questionnaire and through a series of three public forums. About 120 responses to the questionnaire had been received and about 45 people had attended the three public forums. Paul suggested the Council take the approach of reviewing the results at today's meeting and then making recommendations at the next meeting scheduled for October 22. At that meeting he proposed the following questions be addressed by the Council with regard to both the mission and vision statements:

***Based on the responses of the questionnaire and input received at the public forums, do you believe changes to the university mission statement and/or the vision statement need to be made? If so, what might they be and why?***

Joe Shepard expressed the view that based upon the results, he did not believe any significant change to the statements was needed but rather more attention was needed to aligning current practices with the statements. He asked how the work on campus climate would fit in, and Paul indicated that the work of that committee appointed by President Bradshaw and upon which he was serving would be preparing a report and recommendations that would be incorporated in the university strategic plan. Ron Toll emphasized the integrity of the process by which the campus climate survey was to be administered and how the results would be addressed.

### **Environmental Scan Drafts:**

Ron asked Paul to brief the Council on this agenda item. Paul noted that two drafts had been prepared: one is an internal scan that Paul compiled based upon the SWOT analyses prepared by the VP's and the AD; the other document is an external scan prepared by Dr. Gary Jackson, Director of the LCOB's RERI. Paul reviewed the contents of both documents with the Council. Again he suggested that the drafts just be presented today and more detailed feedback be prepared for the October 22 meeting of the Council. Paul proposed feedback be prepared based upon the following set of questions:

***Do they provide adequate summaries of the current strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats as FGCU positions itself for the next five years?***

***Is there anything essential you believe is missing, if so, what?***

***Is there anything in each of the documents that requires clarification?***

***Do you believe there is anything that appears to be misstated or inaccurate?***

***Is there something included here you do not believe should be included?***

Mike Rollo expressed the view that the external scan appeared to be comprehensive. Ron noted that some of the statements contained in the documents need to be tested in terms of supporting data. It was agreed the Council would review the documents and be prepared to discuss them at the October 22 meeting.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Joe Shepard, co-chair of the **budget committee**, reported that FGCU will be facing more budget uncertainty this legislative season but our focus must continue to be on growth of faculty/staff to meet enrollment and that faculty hiring for next year needs to proceed at this time. Ron added that faculty needs were determined by the aid of a model connected to student enrollment growth while staff needs among the VPs were determined based on comparisons with national benchmarks.

Donna Henry, co-chair of the **ERMC**, noted that the ERMC was completing its overview of the impact of enrollment growth upon the university and will meet on November 4 to finalize their findings before submitting the document to the PBC for further review. Ron stated that this work was very important to managing FGCU's growth.

Lewis Johnson co-chair of the **Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC)** noted that the committee membership was nearly complete with the exception of a Senate rep, which Ron stated was actively being considered by himself and President Bradshaw. Lewis stated that the committee's first meeting had occurred on October 8 where Ron Toll provided the charge to the committee and Paul Snyder had described the strategic planning process to them and provided them with guidance and a timeline for their work. Lewis said they will schedule a series of meetings over the next few weeks to catch up with the other committees. Ron asked Lewis to describe what is going on nationally with regard to the

Presidents' Climate Commitment. Lewis responded that FGCU was generally well ahead of our peers both within the state and nationally and provided several examples. In response to a question from Barrett, Ron and Joe provided more detail on the potential impact of the Backe gift and partnership. Ron noted that it could lead to the establishment of a Center on Sustainable Energy. Joe added that the research site associated with the partnership, would include a 50,000 sq ft facility that would meet LEED criteria perhaps at the platinum level.

Kay Oistad, co-chair of the **IRC** noted the committee met on 10/1 and that Paul Snyder had attended and provided the committee with an overview of the strategic planning process. She stated that he also provided a series of questions for the committee to consider in developing a new IT strategic plan following the guidance provided by Ron Toll at an earlier meeting. She said the committee had compiled a list of about 50 questions that they would review at their next meeting. She added that Paul had provided the committee with a set of deadlines for the completion of their work. Kay stated that the committee would seek feedback from the PBC as its work progressed. She noted that the committee was grateful for receiving word that many of its recommendations had been approved for funding and asked Joe how those funds would subsequently be allocated.

Barrett Genson, co-chair of the **Safety and Facilities Committee** noted that the committee met on 9/28 and would meet again on 10/26. They continue their work on identification of safety issues. Barrett suggested that Jim Hehl would be a good addition to the committee. Ken Kavanagh suggested that it would be good to also add Billy Blood to the committee. Paul said he would consult with Ron about going about their appointments.

Paul Snyder, co-chair of the **SPIEC**, noted that the SPIEC had met on October 6. At that meeting SPIEC had begun the task of working on an assessment/institutional effectiveness plan for the strategic plan.

**Next Steps:**

Ron noted the next meeting of the Council would occur on October 22.