

**Summary of Long-Range Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (LRPIEC) Meeting Held
on April 1, 2008**

Interim Provost Gray-Vickrey reviewed the deteriorating state budget situation noting FGCU's budget had been reduced by about 6% in the current year and that the outlook for next year was not much brighter. The purpose of today's meeting was to conduct a small-group breakout exercise to determine what criteria or principles should be used to guide budget allocation decisions for the coming year.

The small groups were provided with a copy of the university strategic plan to provide context. The criteria to be developed by each group should address the goals of the strategic plan. The results of the exercise would be used by the Cabinet in determining budget allocations in the coming year. Allocations made would be in response to the results of assessments carried out by units and presented in their annual reports. Seven groups worked on the exercise.

At the end of the exercise each group summarized its findings. The most important principles focused on preserving human capital, fostering student success, emphasizing quality, and serving the community. The Office of Planning and Institutional performance was asked to synthesize the work of the groups into a coherent set of principles for discussion at the May 6 meeting of the group.