STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes

September 18, 2026, 10:00-11:30am

WML 201

Present: Clayton Garcia, Hugh Morrissey, Jennifer Miller-Ray, Kalavati Caulfield, Sarah Sheffield, Shelly Landreth, Sumantra Sengupta, Yen-Hsin Chen, Yuan Zhou, Michelle Lancaster, Isabella Lujan, April Aultman Becker, Bernie Cantens

Remote: Carlos Gonzales, David Creek, Jose Mora, Judith Loya, Kami Vinton, Mike Fernandez, Mohammad Alam, Ajay Vaidya, Spencer Sims

Absent: Dean Culpepper, Emily Wilkinson, Dafne Westerlink

Start Time: 10:06 a.m.

Welcome and Objectives

- Bernie welcomed everyone to the committee
- April kicked off the meeting with a PPT to keep all on track
- Each committee member introduced themselves
- Establish meeting ground rules: equal voice, required attendance, importance of being a representative of your area and being forward-thinking
- April explained the planning process: biweekly meetings and campus forums to come, resulting in a plan to be approved by the Board of Regents in November 2027 and implemented on campus by January 2028

Institutional Priorities

- Bernie discussed executive priorities in the next strategic plan, which includes improving work culture, growth in enrollment, dual credit expansion, transforming SRSUI into a branch campus, scaling competency

based education, improving retention and student success, building on research funding, leading AI, and financial sustainability

- Committee members engaged in a broad SWOT activity to consider what strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the university
- April presented the results of the strategic plan survey, administered in early September

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.