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Strategic Planning Summit Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2024
9:00 A – 2:00 P

Catapult Lakeland
502 E. Main Street
Lakeland, FL

I. Welcome

Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees Chair Beth Kigel provided an initial welcome to the group assembled in the room. She introduced Florida Poly president, Dr. Devin Stephenson, who expressed his gratitude for everyone's time and thoughtful input and shared his expectations of the Summit.

II. Morning Session

Dr. Craig Collins, principal for Sterling Creative Consultants, facilitated the day's discussions. He began by laying out the guiding principles for strategic planning before conducting an exercise designed to discover the participants' underlying assumptions about Florida Poly. This was followed by four short presentations by Dr. Stephenson and three University vice presidents; the presentations were to inform participants about the University's administration and finances, academic and student affairs, and enrollment management. Before the group stopped for lunch, Dr. Collins facilitated an in-depth discussion on what areas the participants believed Florida Poly needed to grow.

III. Afternoon Session

Following lunch, Dr. Collins led the group in culling three priorities from the information generated in the morning session that the University should consider for its strategic plan. Participants also had the opportunity to complete a reflective exercise on the three priorities as well as identify areas of activity the University should start, stop, and continue.

IV. Closing Comments

Dr. Collins and President Stephenson both provided closing comments to formally conclude the Summit. Participants, both internal and external to Florida Poly, left with renewed energy for the future of Florida Poly and a more defined direction for 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

Respectfully submitted:

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