I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Mark Bostick called the Strategic Planning Committee meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Michele Rush called the roll: Committee Chair Mark Bostick, Vice Chair Cliff Otto, Trustee Ryan Perez, Trustee Louis Saco and Trustee Earl Sasser were present (Quorum).

Staff present: Mr. Rick Maxey, Ms. Michele Rush, Mrs. Kim Abels, Mr. John Sprenkle, Mr. Ben Beachy. Mr. David Blanton, Dr. James Mennie, Dr. Terry Parker, Ms. Melanie Schmiz, Dr. Shahram Taj and Mr. Alex Landback were present.

Others present: Mr. Sean Malott and Ms. Lindsay Zimmerman of the Central Florida Development Council.

III. Public Comment

There were no requests received for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Cliff Otto made a motion to approve the Strategic Planning Committee meeting minutes of September 11, 2019. Trustee Saco seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. 2018-20 Strategic Planning Committee Work Plan Review

Mr. Rick Maxey presented date changes on the work plan to the committee to align with the Board of Governors to accommodate new guidelines for the timing of submitting the University’s Accountability Report to the BOG by May 1, 2019 and to add updating the Campus Master Plan. That deadline for the Accountability Report may require that a call meeting be held in late March or early April to get approval on the final report.
Trustee Sasser made a motion to approve the changed 2018-20 Strategic Planning Committee Work Plan. Trustee Saco seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.


The committee heard the annual report for FIPR from Dr. James Mennie and discussed changes underway to make FIPR more relevant to today’s needs which include new partnerships and cultural changes. Dr. Mennie reviewed the financial position of FIPR and discussed with the committee the impact of declining tax receipts and how to ameliorate that trend.

VII. Central Florida Innovation District Overview

Mr. Sean Malott gave a presentation on the Central Florida Innovation Districts that support the University’s efforts to establish a research park around the University.

VIII. IT Security: Why Trustees Need to Know More

Florida Poly’s CIO, Ben Beachy, walked the committee through the current status of the University’s IT security. He also discussed what is currently being done and what is planned to ensure that all prudent steps are taken to protect the University from hackers and other IT threats.

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.