The Strategic Planning Committee has met five times during the 2018-19 AY including last Friday, April 19. We have reviewed and analyzed new data provided by the Office of Accreditation & Institutional Effectiveness for each of the Strategic Directions in 2020 plan, and assessed the University’s progress toward benchmark goals. Working closely with Alan Aycock and Maggie Parker, we have provided input for our next strategic planning cycle including meeting in early February with Michelle Cook and Kyle Tschevikow to discuss the new planning process. The tentative timeline is to implement the 2025 plan as the 2020 plan wraps up at the end this calendar year.

It is fair to say that UGA has met or exceeded many of the strategic goals in all seven areas of the current plan well in advance of the 2020 deadline. The strategic directions areas are 1. Undergraduate Education; 2. Graduate Education; 3. Research; 4. Serving the Citizens of the State of Georgia and Beyond; 5. Improving Faculty Recognition, Retention and Development; 6. Improving and Maintaining Facilities and Infrastructure; and, 7. Improving Stewardship of Natural Resources and Advancing Campus Sustainability.

Our next task will be drafting summary statements, describing the progress towards each our goals as well as the ongoing challenges we face. Once the committee approves these statements, I will submit a report to President Morehead.