

University Council Strategic Planning Committee

March 26, 2026

9:30-10:30am

Via Zoom

Attendees

Biesecker, Barbara	Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
Gupton, Timothy	Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
Leyting, Jennifer	Staff Council Representative Sanchez
Sanchez, Suzan (Chair)	College of Veterinary Medicine
St. Pierre, Elizabeth	Mary Frances Early College of Education
Redmond, Melissa	School of Law

Guest

Campbell, Lea	Office of Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness
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1. Approval of the February 24, 2026 Minutes

A quorum was not present; therefore, the minutes could not be approved.*

2. Old Business

2.1 New UGA Strategic Plan & Role of the Committee

The 2031 Strategic Plan was presented to the Executive Council on March 25 and will move forward to the University Council for final approval.

Susan Sanchez met with Nathan Moore and Alton Sandifer on March 11, 2026, to discuss the role of the University Council (UC) Strategic Planning Committee as UGA begins implementation of the new strategic plan.

The Committee had a robust discussion about their role in the ongoing monitoring of the new strategic plan.

Susan noted that the upcoming year will be a transitional period, as there will be a one-year lag between implementation and the first reporting of data. While data sources have been identified for nearly all key performance indicators (KPIs), the Committee may play a valuable role in the interim by:

- Further refining KPIs
- Providing input on the design and content of KPI dashboards
- Reviewing data at a more granular level

*February 24, 2026 minutes were approved electronically.

2.2 Final UC Strategic Planning Committee Final Report

Susan has completed drafts of the Committee's final report and the Committee's onboarding document. Members were asked to review and provide feedback.

2.3 UC Strategic Planning Bylaws Revision

A proposed revision to the Committee's bylaws—adding the Director of Accreditation and Institutional Effectiveness, or their designee, as an ex officio member—has been submitted to the UC Committee on Statutes and Bylaws for consideration by the full University Council. Approval is anticipated, with implementation expected in the next academic year

3. New Business

3.1 Committee Chair Selection:

The Committee will be unable to elect a chair until the new membership slate is finalized, as several members will rotate off at the end of the academic year.

Jennifer noted that the new Staff Council representative will not be identified until June. Susan suggested that, once membership is confirmed, the Committee could conduct an electronic vote to select the next chair.

4. April Meeting

The Committee has completed its business for the year and likely will not need to meet in April.