MEMORANDUM
To: Faculty and Staff

From: Douglas Wartzok, Interim Provost & Executive Vice President

Date: March 31, 2010

Re: FIU’s Next Strategic Plan

FIU’s last strategic plan was the 2001-2010 Millennium Strategic Plan. The appointment of President Rosenberg last fall coincided with the need to develop a new strategic plan. President Rosenberg has provided a renewed vision for FIU as a leading student-centered urban public research university that is locally and globally engaged. It is important to note that this vision retains at its core the goal of all FIU strategic plans dating back to at least the plan of the 1990’s, Reaching for the Top, that FIU should be a leading urban public research university. President Rosenberg has surrounded this core vision with an enhanced role for the university in the local and global community and a renewed emphasis on making sure every student counts.

Continuity with the past strategic planning is shown in the retention of four strategic themes—arts, environment, global, and health—that will be addressed within the framework of teaching, research, and engagement. In addition there are three university-wide strategic foundations—finance, infrastructure, and student success. These foundations assure our ability to advance our mission within each of our strategic themes.

The development of the new strategic plan has been entrusted to seven committees identified by the themes and foundations outlined above. Each committee includes representatives of the faculty, staff, students, Board of Trustees, and community. These committees need the input of every member of our University community as they work to develop the strategic plan. Your input will also assist in establishing an implementation plan with defined short and long term goals. It is essential that each of you share with them your ideas on the future of the University.

We have created opportunities to begin the exchange of ideas. I encourage you to attend two university forums that will serve to generate ideas within and across each of the aspects of the strategic plan.

Open University Forum #1: The Foundations Committees [Finance, Infrastructure and Student Success]
Thursday, April 8, 2010
10:00 am to 12 noon
MMC - CBC 232
BBC – via video conferencing simulcast at WUC Ballrooms

Open University Forum #2: The Thematic Committees [Arts, Environment, Global and Health]
Wednesday, April 14, 2010
10:00 am to 12 noon
MMC - GC Ballrooms
BBC – via video conferencing simulcast at WUC Ballrooms

Please visit the strategic planning web site, stratplan.fiu.edu for further information, continued updates on the development of the plan, and further opportunity to provide input to the plan.