



USF World Task Force:

This Task Force will spearhead an active assessment to position USF as a place that makes a difference, and is relevant to, the larger world around us. The Task Force will assess current strengths and limitations in USF's ability to provide students, faculty, and staff with meaningful and exciting paths for global engagement, and to enrich both USF and our world partners. The Task Force goal is to recommend the necessary policies, strategies, and procedures needed to make USF the destination for those committed to global engagement. The **USF World Task Force** will assess existing data, collect new data, including interviews and documentation from other sources, and will celebrate our identity as an urban metropolitan university with richly diverse partner communities. Global education, faculty exchange, international student recruiting, global collaborative research and innovation, among other topics, will be our focus. These elements compose a significant component of Goal 3 of the USF Strategic Plan 2007-2012 to "**Expand Local and global engagement initiatives to strengthen and sustain healthy communities and to improve the quality of life.**" This Task Force will be advisory to the President and Provost and Senior Vice President.

Rationale:

- Recommend institutional procedures to facilitate and promote USF World, social enterprise, and global collaborations in education, research and learning, including mechanisms for managing fiscal and human resources for student exchange, education abroad and international field placement programs, and faculty research, teaching, outreach and professional development opportunities;
- Develop an up-to-date clearinghouse of information about the global engagement currently occurring at USF, and develop institutional systems to measure the impact of USF World engagements;
- Identify means to encourage and reward faculty effort in a USF World context— such as an annual faculty impact statement, means to introduce USF World engagement into USF's promotion and tenure guidelines; and
- Encourage and reward student engagement in the world community and explore acknowledging USF World engagement and other co-curricular activities on the official transcript.

Charge:

The USF World Task Force and its subcommittees will conduct a thorough investigation of the best practices nationwide, strengths and opportunities at USF, and current impediments to leveraging existing resources to strengthen USF's position. The task force will submit a detailed report recommending necessary policies, strategies, and procedures to maximize and institutionalize USF World engagement. The following are some of the key areas to explore:

Identifying Best Practices:

- Define the scope of USF World engagement and its component elements of global partnerships for education, research, service and innovation;
- Identify institutions (preferably AAU) that have succeeded in areas of interest to USF World engagement that could serve as benchmarks;

Strengths and Opportunities at USF:

- Identify existing strengths of USF World engagement;

- Identify the opportunities that are yet untapped; what would stimulate them to become active.

Policy recommendations:

- Recommend a set of policies, strategies, and procedures in which USF World engagement can thrive.

Strategy recommendations:

- Based on the above, develop a detailed strategy that could help us undertake the USF World engagement initiative.

Institutional Procedures:

- Provide recommendations for institutional procedures to oversee the USF World initiative.

Tentative timeline:

- Steering committee of 30-40 members drawn from across the university will be invited by mid August, 2008;
- Steering committee will meet on September 9th from 8-11AM to receive their charge, and to create and initiate task based subcommittees;
- Steering committee will reconvene to hear specific task based subcommittees deliver their recommendations in the middle of November, 2008;
- Co-chairs and members of the Steering Committee prepare the final report to be delivered to the President, and Provost and Senior Vice President by December 15, 2008.

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