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 Strategic Planning Committee  
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**Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2025**  
**Mumphrey Room 127**  
**3 – 4:30 pm**

Ms. Catlyn Lauret, Student Life Coordinator, Staff Senate Chair	Off campus for appt
Ms. Kristie Broussard Leger, Interim Dean, Div of HSBT & Public Protection & Safety	Present
Ms. Rachelle Brown, Instructor, Communications, Faculty Senate Chairperson	Present
Ms. Melonie Ceaser, Interim Director of Facility Services and Safety Coordinator	Present
Mr. Audwin Donatto, Associate Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs	Present
Ms. Amanda Dunlap, Assist Prof of Mathematics, Depart Chair, Mathematics	Present
Ms. Alisha Fontenot, Director of Dual Enrollment and LSUE Academy	WD Meetings
Dr. Billy Fontenot, Interim Dean, Division of Arts and Sciences	Present
Mr. Gabriel Fontenot President, Student Government Association	Absent
Ms. Courtney Fruge, Human Resources Manager	Present
Ms. Jamie Funk, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor; Manager - Business Affairs	Present
Ms. Ashley Green, Clinical Coordinator of Radiologic Technology	Present
Mr. Stephen Heyward, Director of Information Technology	WD Meetings
Ms. Cassie Jobe-Ganucheau, Executive Director of Library & Student Support Services	Present
Ms. Carey Lawson, Associate VC of Univ Advance and Exec Dir of the LSUE Found	Present
Ms. Felicia "Nikki" May, Assistant Professor of Business Administration	Present
Dr. Douglas Narby, Associate Professor of Psychology & Coord of Online Education	Present
Mr. Gary Reeves, Instructor of Communications	Absent
Mr. Donnie Thibodeaux, Registrar	Present
Mr. Travis Webb, Director of Strategic Communication	Absent
Mr. Jeff Willis, Director of Athletics	Present
Dr. Nancee Sorenson, Chancellor (Ex Officio)	Present
Dr. John Hamlin, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost (Ex Officio)	Present
Dr. Paul Fowler, Executive Director for IE and Accreditation (Ex Officio)	Present

**I. I. Approval of the April 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Rachelle Brown motioned and Courtney Fruge seconded; adopted with no dissent.

- II. The Chancellor welcomed Dr. Alessandro (Alex) Anzalone. Dr. Anzalone has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of South Florida and currently serves as the Vice President of Florida Contract Growers Inc. Dr. Anzalone has collaborated with several educational institutions in other countries and is an advocate for stackable credentials, accessible pathways to success, and ensuring students have the flexibility to navigate their educational and career journeys. Dr. Anzalone discussed:
- a. Bureau of Labor Statistics noting that industrial machinery mechanics, machinery maintenance workers, and millwrights showed a 15% growth through 2033 and that many different industrial type equipment use the same control systems.

- b. Companies want employees who can be hired and trained – some of which earned a certificate in college.
- c. Students need to be able to earn stackable credentials to service and then eventually program industrial systems including robotics.
- d. Often, these types of programs attract middle aged students.
- e. Colleges and universities should offer structured pathways given students a visual representation.
- f. Stressed the value of public/private partnerships.
- g. Shared data from the Louisiana Workforce Commission on four and five star jobs.

The Chancellor added to the discussion by showing pictures of the industrial equipment used at Crowley's Supreme Rice.

III. Next meeting is on May 5, 2025 at 3 pm in A-127

IV. Adjourn meeting

Dr. Anzalone's Biography follows:

Dr. Alessandro (Alex) Anzalone holds a distinguished academic and professional background in chemical engineering and higher education. He earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Universidad Nacional Experimental Politécnica in Venezuela, an M.S. in Chemical Engineering from New York University's Tandon School of Engineering, and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of South Florida (USF), where he also conducted postdoctoral research on materials and biomaterials.

With over three decades of experience in teaching and administration across six institutions, Dr. Anzalone has served in pivotal leadership roles, including Campus President, Dean of Associate in Science Programs, Chair of a Chemical Engineering Department, Founding Director of a Sponsored Research Office, and Program Manager for Engineering Technology. His professional experience extends beyond academia, having worked as an engineer in the oil industry and a distillery, and serving as President of the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering (ISPE) Puerto Rico Chapter and Co-Chair of the Florida Engineering Technology Forum.

Dr. Anzalone's teaching portfolio includes 36 different courses across associate, bachelor, and master levels, as well as industry-specific training. He has been instrumental in curriculum reform efforts at various institutions and has actively participated in advisory committees, boards, and community organizations. His contributions have been recognized with multiple awards, including Hillsborough Community College's 2020 Champions of Diversity Exemplary Administrator Award and the Florida Advanced Technological Education Center's Manufacturing Post-Secondary Educator of the Year Award in 2013. He was also honored as the Boys and Girls Club of Martin County's Community Champion in 2022 for his innovative ideas on integrating industry certificates into their programs. His most recent role was as Chief Operating Officer at AmSkills.

Internationally, Dr. Anzalone has made presentations and collaborated with educational institutions in Canada, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Spain. His leadership accomplishments include opening two workforce-focused facilities in underserved areas of Martin County while serving as Campus President at Indian River State College (IRSC): Indiantown High School and the Martin County REACH Center.

Currently serving as Vice President of FL Contract Growers Inc., Dr. Anzalone is also an enthusiastic opera singer. He is married to his wife, Patricia, and they have a son, Alessandro, an Eagle Scout and Florida Gator. Passionate about education and community impact, Dr. Anzalone is a staunch advocate for stackable credentials and accessible pathways to success, ensuring students have the flexibility to navigate their educational and career journeys. His mission to help others has driven his career, marked by collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to excellence.