The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Dr. Tang.

Motion to approve the meeting’s agenda was approved.

Motion to approve January’s minutes was approved.

Dean’s update (Dr. Anthony McGoron):
- Increasing PhD student production is critical
- Making sure that all dissertation committee members take responsibility for the quality of a student’s work; not just the major professor

Dean’s update (Dr. John Volakis):
- Provost’s office eager to finish the reorganization
  - Idea is to improve services and growth potential of college
    - Discussion about whether the new service model will actually improve efficiency for faculty
  - Dean did not disclose the timeline for reorganization
- Dean indicated that top-down pressure is driving many facets of reorganization; if we do not comply, could be repercussions at college level
- Student success not improving fast enough, especially 4-year graduation rate
- New engineering building a top priority in college and university-wide
- Initiatives to get more courses in summer, but no plan to use TT/tenured faculty to teach them

FC Chair’s briefing (Dr. Walter Z. Tang):
- It is essential that FIU keeps “global” in the University vision and mission statement and serve as the compass for the strategy plan
- Thanks to Dr. Gan for successfully lobbying Dean to increase faculty awards to $1000/each
- Can curriculum committee evaluate and streamline pre-requisite course-related issues to assist with 4-year graduation rate?
- Can we establish an industrial advisory board for College with a specific mission of planning an industrial park to accelerate the pace of FIU-Start-up, industry sponsored research and development, student employment rate and the alumni giving to FIU?

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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