

Research and Scholarly Works

Efforts to enhance Faculty engagement

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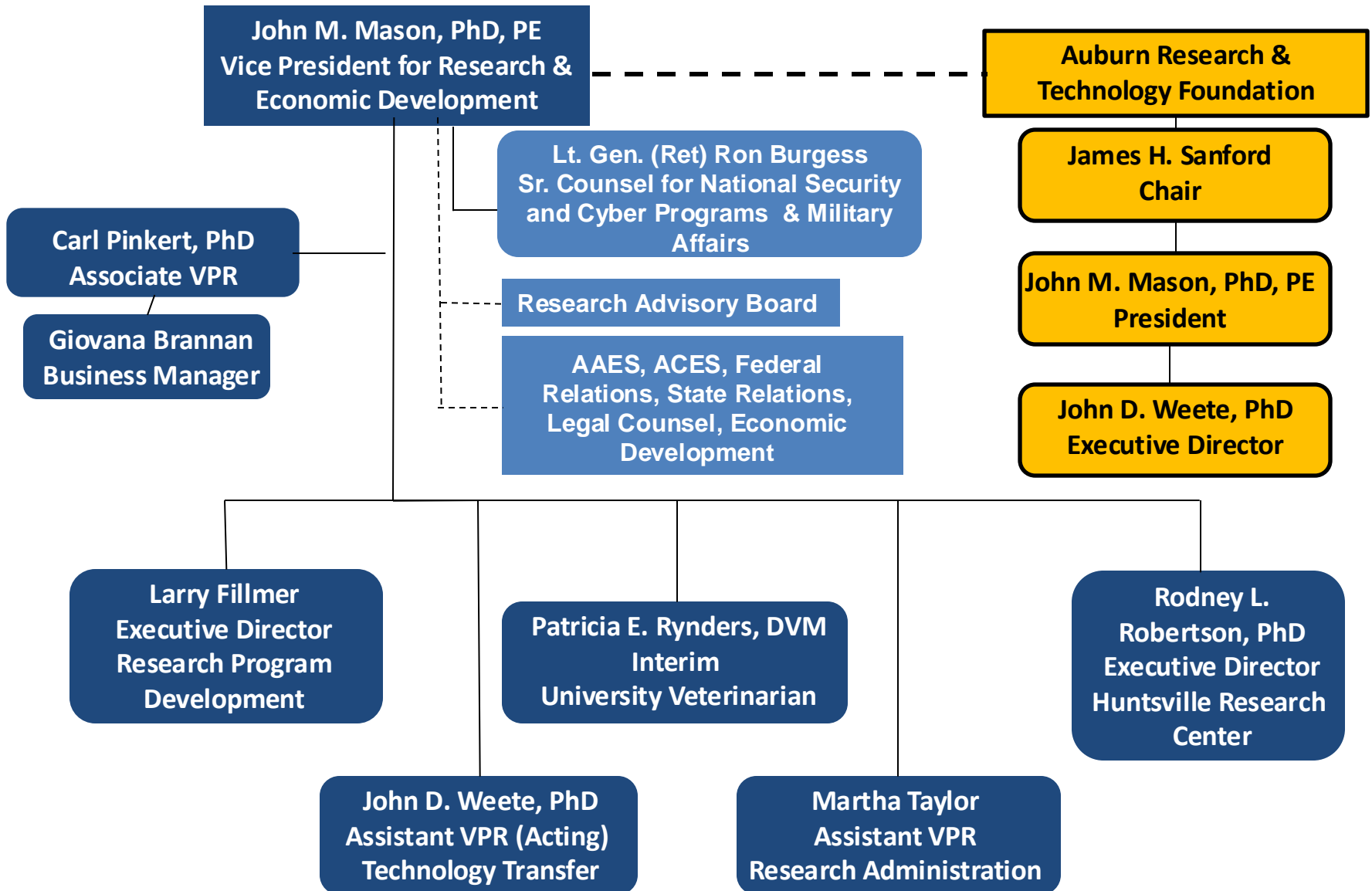


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Organizational Chart

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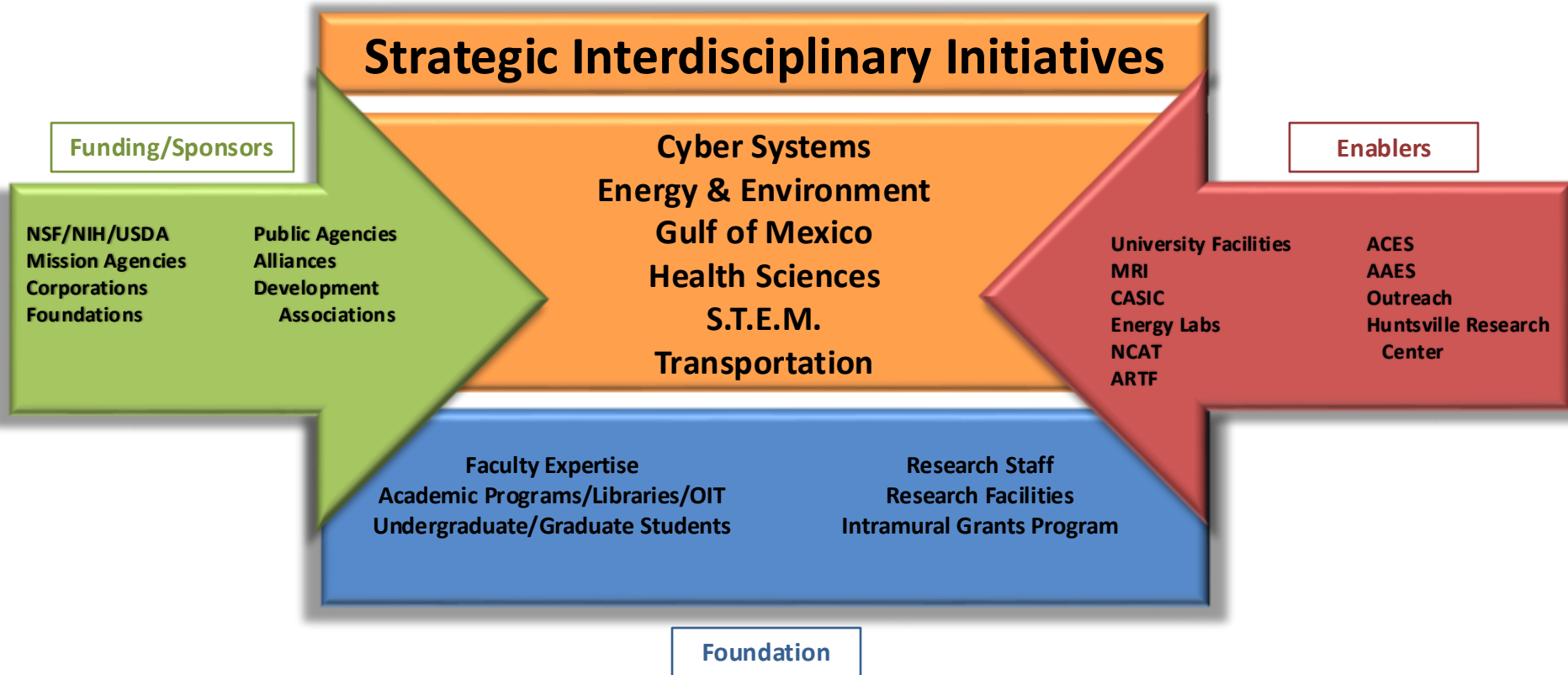


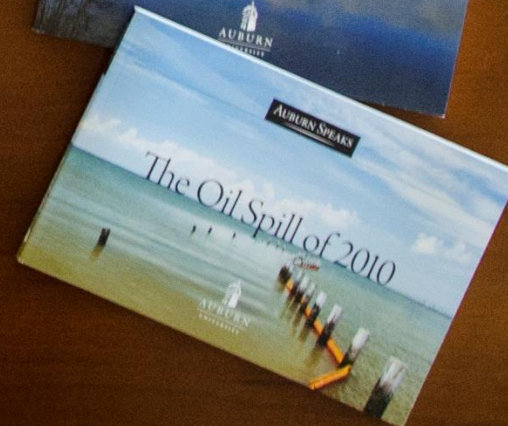
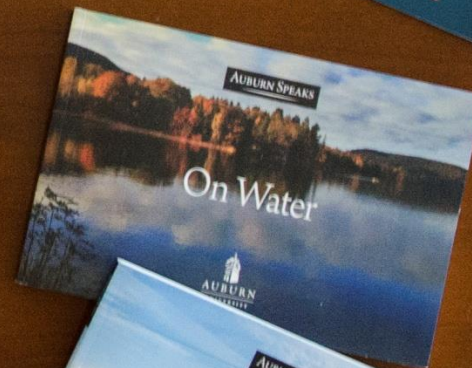
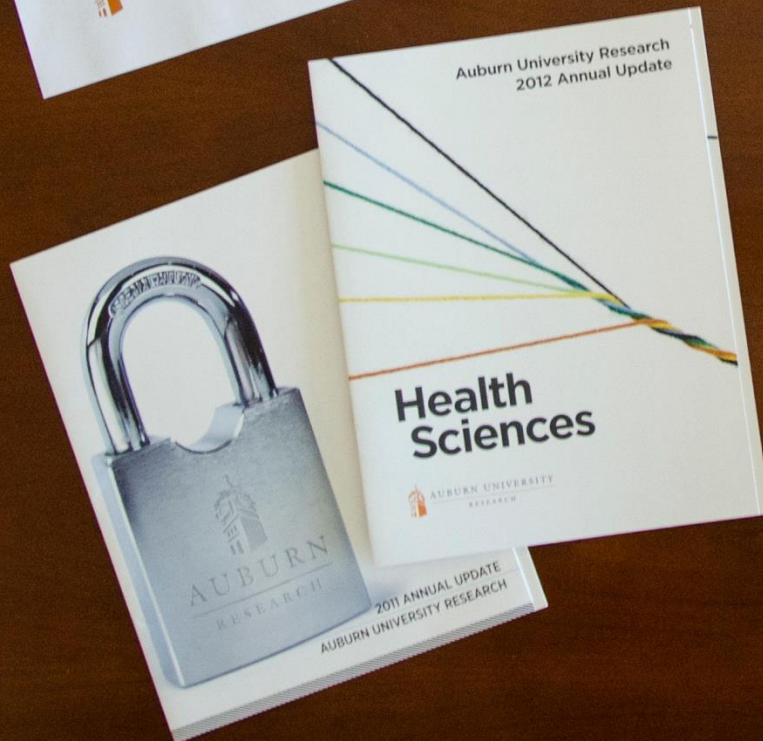
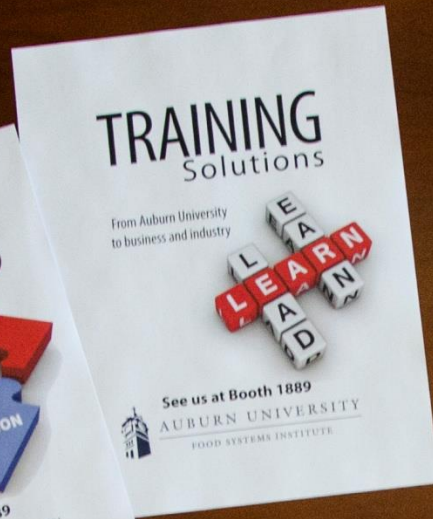
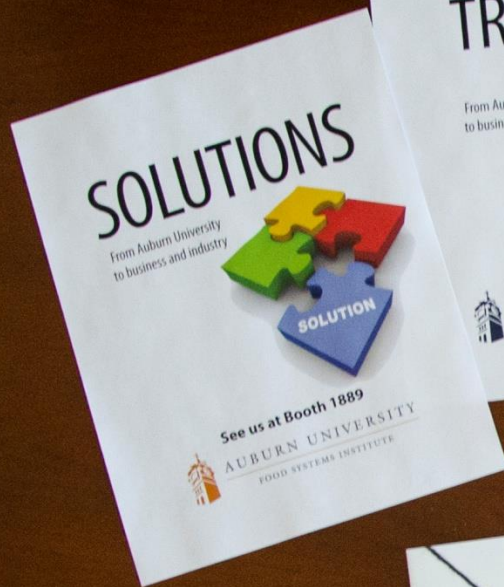
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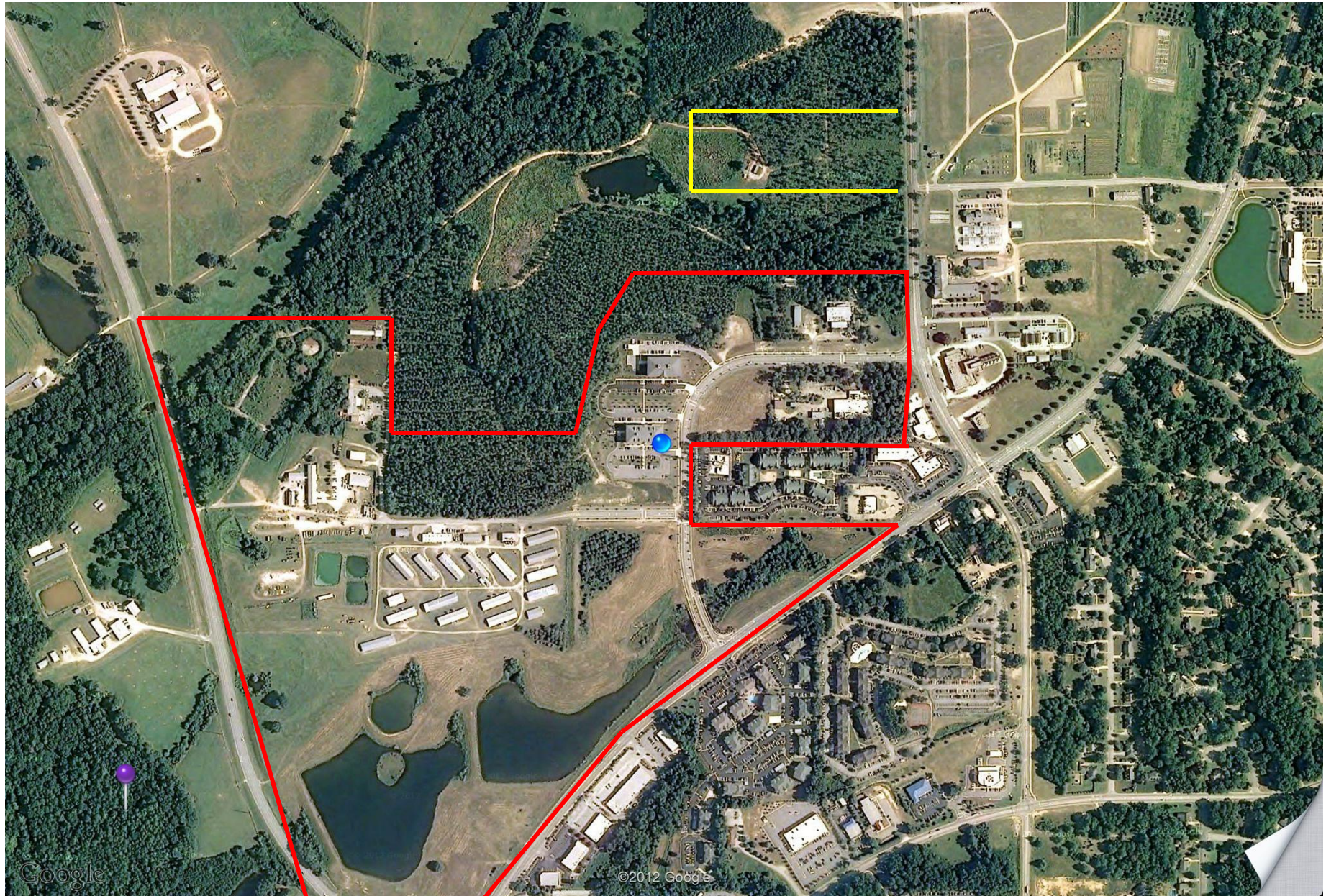
Strategic Interdisciplinary Initiatives



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Strategic Priorities from the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan

■ Strategic Priority 2

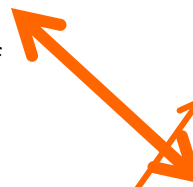
Support Faculty Excellence and Strengthen Auburn's Reputation

- Auburn's academic achievements depend upon the expertise, engagement and success of the faculty.
- The vitality of our faculty can best be enhanced by building a strong intellectual community that depends on the continually advancing expertise of each faculty member.
- We will identify expectations for the productivity of our faculty in research and creative work, and we will support individual faculty members by taking into account their unique strengths and contributions.
- We will apply the yardstick of best practices to our academic work environment for faculty, and we will adopt new policies designed to sustain the health of that working environment.

■ Strategic Priority 3

Enhance Research, Scholarship and Creative Work

- Auburn will become increasingly competitive with the most productive universities in its research and creative scholarship activities.
- We will develop our strategic research initiatives by building on our existing strengths and developing programs that will translate our discoveries into practical solutions for the state, region, and world.
- To accomplish these goals, we will challenge the Auburn community to strengthen its research culture and increase research expectations.



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Concerns-Solution Matrix

■ Concerns

- Difficulty in financial management of awards

■ Solutions

- My Funding Portal
- eCerts – Electronic effort certification system
- eSWTs – Electronic salary and wage transfer system
- Other electronic document processing – eVoucher and eTravel vouchers
- Compass course to certify the skills of Departmental Administrative staff



Concerns-Solution Matrix

■ Concerns

- Difficulty in financial management of awards
- Lack of support for proposal development and submission

■ Solutions

- Plus 6 Program
- 1.5 day Grantsmanship workshop at Research Week; 1 hour Proposal workshop during new faculty orientation
- Compass Course
- PIVOT subscription and workshops
- Funding newsletters, Tiger tips, website enhancements, PI Handbook, AUSPAN



Concerns-Solution Matrix

■ Concerns

- Difficulty in financial management of awards
- Lack of support for Proposal development and Submission
- Complex process for IACUC and IRB and compliance activities

■ Solutions

- Revised forms to clarify questions and reduce revisions
- Electronic distribution of materials for committee review and meetings
- IRB divided into two committees for focused expertise and faster processing
- MRI Safety Advisory Council established to assist in risk management for protocols involving the AU MRI facility
- Online training for RCR, fCOI, IBC, IRB, IACUC



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■ Concerns

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- Paper based systems

■ Solutions

- COI Smart for Conflict of interest disclosures, review and management
- Technology Transfer Sophia system for on-line disclosures and monitoring of technology transfer efforts
- All Contracts and Proposals scanned into Xtender for ease of access and dissemination
- Electronic distribution of processed proposals and awards from OSP to campus constituents



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■ Concerns

- Difficulty in financial management of awards
- Lack of support for Proposal development and Submission
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- Paper based systems
- Communications

■ Solutions

- FRC established to ensure Faculty engagement in policy and procedure development
- OSP Education program with multiple audiences and methodologies
- Plus 6/OSP joint staff meetings
- URC/ADR/AUSPAN meetings monthly or quarterly
- Quarterly updates at Provost Council meetings, annual reports and AU Speaks
- Presentations at Department Heads Retreat
- Website enhancements, newsletters, PI handbook, brown bag lunch seminars, new-faculty luncheons



Next steps

■ Future activities under development

- eCover Form in final stages of development
- Selection of Key Solutions for IACUC and IRB protocol development, processing, reporting and over-all management
- Renovation of space in Foy Union for team meetings for proposal development, policy and procedure improvement, education on special topics, interdisciplinary team building, lunch and learn seminars, and general rapport building
- Strategic plan implementation working group and subgroups established to begin:
 - ◆ mapping commitments to goals;
 - ◆ identifying benchmarks and performance indicators;
 - ◆ identifying resources to accomplish goals; and
 - ◆ establishing priorities for year 1 implementation



Summary

- Investigators and others have expressed concern in the past couple of years regarding requirements for engaging in sponsored programs activities
- The OVPR and the Business Office have implemented several new processes to facilitate Investigators in the financial and administrative management of their projects
- New ERA and process improvement activities are underway and attempts are being made to map them to the strategic plan over the next 5 years



Questions?



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