'Meetups' Will Take Deeper Dive Into Strategic Planning Ideas

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Ten "meetups" will be held during the month of March to delve into the ideas that have emerged so far in the University of Arizona's strategic planning process.

"These conversations will center around specific clarifying questions related to student experience and success and the UA playing a leading role in tackling the big, bold challenges created by the Fourth Industrial Revolution," said strategic plan co-chair Lisa Ordóñez, vice dean and professor in the Eller College of Management.

With topics ranging from "Agile Wildcats" to "H2Onward," the meetups are intended to be a deeper dive into the issues raised during the Jan. 29 interactive discussion that drew about 500 people. Eight of the meetups will take place on the UA's main campus, while one will happen at UA Health Sciences and one will be held on the Phoenix campus. The meetups include lunch, and registration is required. (Dates and topics for the discussions can be found below.)

The meetups will help guide the transition from the first phase of the strategic planning process, the discovery phase, into the second, the ideation phase, when the plan's main pillars and supporting initiatives will be defined.

In addition, "we're convening design teams with members from across campus for the purpose of validating strategic themes that have emerged out of Phase 1 of the strategic planning process," said strategic plan co-chair Elliott Cheu, associate dean of the College of Science and University Distinguished Professor of Physics.

"These teams will work toward analyzing these themes for feasibility, impact and definition of scope, with the goal of ultimately developing detailed, data-driven and distinctive initiatives," he said.

The next strategic planning event will be held March 6 on the UA's Phoenix campus. The session, modeled after the Jan. 29 discussion, will take place in the Virginia G. Piper Auditorium, 550 E. Van Buren St. Doors open at 3 p.m., with the discussion starting at 3:30. A one-hour reception will follow at 5. RSVPs are required. To register, click here. More information about the event can be found here.

Feedback also is being collected on the strategic planning website, which is being updated regularly with questions and prompts. Click here to share thoughts on the current prompt: Name three ways the UA can ensure our students are prepared for life after graduation.
Additional information about the strategic planning process and ways to get involved can be found on the strategic plan website.

Meetups Schedule

Monday, March 12: Agile Wildcats
How might we develop disruptive problem solvers for a rapidly changing world?
3-4:30 p.m., Old Main, Silver and Sage

Tuesday, March 13: One Arizona
How should we create a diverse and inclusive campus?
9-10:30 a.m., Student Union Memorial Center, South Ballroom

Wednesday, March 14: Finding Meaning in a Digital World
How will arts and humanities help us define and live a meaningful life?
9-10:30 a.m., Student Union Memorial Center, South Ballroom

Tuesday, March 20: Healing the Health Gap
How might we discover solutions to health disparities among diverse populations?
12-1:30 p.m., UA Cancer Center, Kiewit Room 2951A

Wednesday, March 21: H2Onward
How might we ensure a sustainable future given our strengths?
10-11:30 a.m., Student Union Memorial Center, Kachina Lounge

Thursday, March 22: The World Is Wildcat Country
How will we establish our place on the world stage and prepare students for a connected and global world?
8:30-10 a.m., Old Main, Silver and Sage

Thursday, March 22: Age Without Limits
How might we create the solutions that help people age with health and dignity?
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., UA Phoenix Campus, Virginia G. Piper Auditorium

Tuesday, March 27: Arts Oasis in the Desert
How might we make Arizona a destination for the arts?
2:30-4 p.m., Student Union Memorial Center, Tucson Room

Wednesday, March 28: Make Science Fiction Scientific Fact
How will we lead the integration of our physical, digital and biological worlds on Earth and beyond?
10-11:30 a.m., Student Union Memorial Center, Rincon Room

Wednesday, March 28: Wildcats for Life
How might we build a future where alumni engage in lifelong learning and relationships?
2:30-4 p.m., Student Union Memorial Center, Rincon Room

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