Introduction:
Chair Johnson shared the meeting agenda, distributed materials and presented origami of a bulldog – proposed name Ferrigami.

Discussion/Action:
February Meeting Summary
SPARC members reviewed and approved the minutes of February 19, 2010.

Formalizing the Charge for the Naming the “Future” Task Force:
A revised draft charge for the task force was distributed for the committee designated in Goal 6, Initiative 2: Designate a standing “blue sky” committee to review market trends identify opportunities and work with appropriate leaders and structures to facilitate the development of innovative programs.

GROUP NAME HERE: “Helping to shape the future of Ferris State University.”

General Description:
will develop systems to promote environmental scanning, trend analysis and the collection of innovative opportunities from among the members of the FSU community. Opportunities may include, but are not limited to, the application of new technologies, trends that provide future career opportunities for students, or methods to innovate the work of the University. All ideas will be encouraged and valued. Representation from across the University’s units is desired. Meetings will be open and attendance will be encouraged. Initially, the task force will collect, sort and cluster ideas, preparing them for presentation to the community. Ultimately, the task force will assist in the development of systems that ease the implementation of innovation across the organization.

Consider merging into description or deleting:
“promote the ongoing professional development in the Ferris community human capital.”

Reporting to SPARC semi-annually quarterly, will:

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1) identify opportunities/technologies for innovation; and
2) propose strategies to facilitate the implementation and sustainability.

Following discussion, Robert von der Osten made a motion to formulate a group to define a name and mission, beta test and determine a refined description for this task force. Seconded by Helen Woodman. This group will report back to SPARC at each meeting until the project is complete. 
**Vote: Unanimous.**

**Pedestrian Safety Task Force Report:**
Jerry Scoby presented a summary of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force report by offering a pre-test, thanking the task force members and Student Government, and detailing the recommendations. Several questions, suggestions and thanks were provided by members for the good work of the committee.

**March 2010 Strategic Plan Update:**
Jerry Scoby provided an update on the Strategic Plan initiatives for the Administration and Finance division; specifically:
- Goal 2-Initiative 1 – efforts on diversity issues
- Goal 3-Initiative 3 – energy efforts and recommendations
- Goal 4-Initiative 1 – updates on student living spaces
- Goal 3-Initiative 4 – progress made on budget transparency, including separate carry forward FOAPs for ease of management
- Goal 4-Initiative 5 – emergency preparedness planning, including classroom phones [Note: suggestion to have GroupWise Messenger automatic on classroom computers]
- Goal 6-Initiative 1 – efforts to develop leadership

**Diversity Plan Update:**
David Pilgrim reported on his rating of the four major goals in the Diversity Plan:
1) Create a University that is welcoming to diverse populations – **Assessment: Excellent**
2) Recruit, retain, and graduate a diverse student population – **Assessment: Above Average**
3) Hire and retain a diverse workforce – **Assessment: Below Average**
4) Create environments for student learning that are inclusive of and sensitive to a diverse student population – **Assessment: Slightly Above Average**
He encouraged members to read the entire Diversity Plan and shared that he is pleased that Ferris is making progress. Council members commented on the data and the Plan.

**Share Your Ideas / Homework:**
Chair Johnson requested members to rate the progress on initiatives in the Strategic Plan by placing colored notes, citing one piece of evidence, on the large sheets provided. Additional comments should be sent directly to Chair Johnson.

**Closing / Next meeting date:**
Chair Johnson reminded members of the homework and next meeting date; Friday, April 23, 2010, 3:00-5:00pm in Granger 109.

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