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Vision 20/20 Community Input Forum was inclusive and motivating

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I would like to express my thanks for the opportunity to participate in the USFSP Vision 20/20 Community Forum Input. I found the session to be informative, inclusive and motivating.

Dr. Wisniewska's efforts to garner input from all stakeholders in the university's strategic planning process are clearly evident and demonstrate that she is truly vested in the future success of USFSP as well as the community in which it resides.

I especially appreciated the opportunity attendees had to convene conversation groups that addressed ideas, concerns and initiatives that were on the minds of the community representatives. This "open" approach provided participants with every opportunity to get involved and share insight.

I convened and participated in a conversation about ways USFSP may be able to expand its relationship with The St. Petersburg Greenhouse (which provides support to entrepreneurs) to partner in efforts to actively address economic development, small business support and job growth in St. Petersburg's Midtown and Childs Park communities.

The group shared several innovative ideas that included intern opportunities for students, tapping into USFSP's research capabilities for best practice data and partnering with corporate entities and financial institutions for business mentoring and small-business financing programs.

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