Accomplishments

- Launched the High Impact Research (HIR) committee and set the cadence for data collection, committee meetings, town halls, and report development.
- Completed data collection regarding the current state of GW research and parameters for defining HIR.
- Began drafting a SWOT analysis of the current state.

Outreach Efforts

- Hosted two community-wide public forum town halls to gather input from the GW community.
- Continue to promote, collect, and track web-based feedback from the GW community.
- Coordinated school-based data collection with online surveys and prompts for email and in-person conversations.
- Liaised with the Faculty Senate Research Committee and OVPR to better understand the current research landscape and Ecosystem Review efforts.

Challenges

- Research stakeholders expressed concerns of redundancy between the Research Strategic Initiative’s Ecosystem Review and the HIR Strategic Planning Committee. HIR chairs have mitigated these concerns by collaborating with the Faculty Senate Research Committee and OVPR.
- There have been process-oriented concerns regarding the fall timeframe and compressed timeline for strategic planning efforts, and a desire for greater clarity about reporting and communication expectations from executive leadership. Committee members understand the rationale for a more agile approach to this phase of strategic planning and encourage GW constituents to share their feedback honestly and constructively.

Issues of Greatest Focus – Preliminary Recommendations

- Emerging themes continue to be vetted, and include the need for interdisciplinary metrics, an endorsement of team-based research, an emphasis on “real-world” impact, and the need to address foundational pain points identified in the Research Strategic Initiative’s Ecosystem Review.
Next Steps

- Finalize data collection and analysis.
- Draft SWOT analysis and key principles.
- Identify and prioritize big ideas, underlying principles, metrics for the goals, and resources.
- Hold final committee and town hall (if applicable) meetings.
- Liaise with the Faculty Senate Research Committee to share emerging themes and solicit feedback.