

Timeline for 2027-2028 Strategic Initiative & Operational Optimization Proposals

Fall 2026	
August 20 & 21 (Flex Days)	Launch the 2027-2028 Planning Cycle via two information sessions describing new process (similar to forum of past 3 years)
August 21 – October 30	Members of campus community engage in planning activities: ○ Collaboration on innovative practices for Strategic Initiatives ○ Identification of efficiencies for Operational Optimization
By September 17	For any IT resources associated with Strategic Initiatives (SI)/Operational Optimization (OO) Proposals: Submit IT Project Form to IT
By October 30	Submissions due for Strategic Initiatives (SIs) and Operational Optimization (OO) Proposals
By End October	Update on status of *past* SI and OO Proposals shared with campus community
Week of November 2	Cabinet: ○ Reviews SI and OO Proposals ○ Refers submissions to different paths, if necessary
November 6	Planning Committee: ○ Begins review of SI and OO Proposals ○ Determines paths for review by District Committees Following meeting, Co-Chairs : ○ Forward SIs associated with Student Equity Plan to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
November 20 & December 4	Planning Committee evaluates SI and OO Proposals via Prioritization Rubrics
Spring 2027	
By January 29	Planning Committee: ○ Finalizes evaluation of SI and OO Proposals Following meeting, Co-Chairs: ○ Provide update to campus community ○ Forward SI and OO Proposals to District Committees (Budget, Facilities, Technology) and Cabinet (for staffing-related requests)
By Early March	Operational Continuanance requests due (date TBD by Budget Committee)
February – April	District Committees and Cabinet review requests associated with SI and OO Proposals
By April 9	Recommendations from District Committees and Cabinet due to RPIE (RPIE compiles summary of recommendations for Planning Committee)
April 16	Planning Committee: ○ Reviews recommendations from District Committees Following meeting, Co-Chairs: ○ Provide update on status of SI and OO Proposals to Cabinet
Mid-to-Late April	Cabinet: ○ Reviews update on SI and OO Proposals ○ Makes tentative recommendations regarding resource allocations, including rationale for recommendations Planning Committee: ○ Reviews recommendations from Cabinet, incorporates additional clarification
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By End October	Update on status of SI and OO Proposals shared with campus community