1. After brief introductions among the Task Force Members, Cathy distributed to each member a background resource volume entitled *International India: A Turning Point in Educational Exchange with the U.S.* recently published by IIE in 2010. (TF members not in attendance will receive this in campus mail shortly).

2. Cathy next described briefly the IAPP meeting at NAFSA in Kansas City, which was also summarized in the minutes sent to the TF last week and now placed on the India 2010 website (FAU is at a par with the other IAPP schools in terms of how far along we are to engage as a TF and identify campus interests for engagement with institutions in India. Some have met a few times already, and most are at a relatively early stage in having any India ties. The one area FAU is lacking that other IAPP schools have is that of a campus strategic plan for internationalization or international education. Most schools have this but FAU does not (yet). The webinar that took place last week also noted the value an existing campus plan for IE might have for the development of an India specific strategic plan.

Cathy noted that the IAPP schools all expressed the same range of interests:

--1:1 student exchange
--faculty and visitors and post doc exchange
--jt research, with funding if possible
--3+1 or 2+2 programs
--international student recruitment (fee paying)

Indian schools want similar opportunities and Indian students mostly want to come to the US for a grad program. Some UG activity is imagined nonetheless especially if it were a small exchange or part of a 3+1 strategy to then have them attend grad school.

3. Cathy noted that the TF has to develop a strategic planning document for FAU, for India focused partnerships. We have a planning worksheet we can use to help us first locate and identify current information and ties and linkages, and then identify goals and objectives for what we want to do vis a vis India in the future. The IAPP deadline of mid July for the worksheet is not realistic, and IAPP will work with us to get this done over the course of the summer. Cathy has already located some of the existing data, but we have to drill down through the colleges and departments to gather other contacts and information and expressions of interest. IEA has recommended we not attempt to do a formal survey, since it would be inefficient and not likely to lead to any significant results. The TF agreed instead to have informal discussions and meetings with faculty to get the information and ideas we need.

4. General discussion points:
---Science departments (physics, chemistry, math) want to attract top students and can provide multi-year TA or RA support, but experience shows the Indians don’t have personal funds and need the support from FAU

--Top IIT schools might have their best students go to the ivy leagues and science giants for grad school, but really good second tier students might be ripe to come to FAU. IIT’s have first rate coursework but less research rich experiences, and having a solid research chance at FAU with support would be attractive.

--Indian schools tend to be elitist and top students will go to the best schools, offering the best support; if they have the funds to go to a US school and pay full fare, they will try to go to the best US school that they can find; FAU might find it hard to compete

--We need to be very careful to gauge the quality of the Indian schools we want to work with, quality fluctuates a lot in India and we must use caution. Regular references to current accreditations of Indian schools will be needed. A new crop of IITs have been formed that might be good targets for cooperation.

--Nursing interests go beyond the training of nurses to the development of interdisciplinary research and approaches to caring. FAU’s special library of international caring services might be of interest to people in other fields. At the same time, it was noted that other parts of the campus could support Indian students at FAU by offering access to other streams of coursework, e.g. nursing students from India might want to take some health administration courses from Business.

--Discussion next focused on whether or not it makes sense for us to develop a few well defined strategic programs in 2-3 fields to offer to potential Indian partners. For example, we could recruit MS or PhD students to FAU with a promise of multi-year support to get a degree; the student commits to FAU for a period, and we establish a link to a few places (e.g. second tier IITs or the second tier students or top IITs) so word of mouth creates a steady pipeline to FAU.

--Science can do this but some fields won’t be able to do this, engineering has more RA and fewer TA slots; business has no stipends to support students. Business might find itself initially more in a support role rather than an area of leading in finding a partner. A&L students and UG study abroad might fit better into a small exchange or working with another IAPP school that develops a one way study abroad program (e.g. William and Mary or Ohio Wesleyan plans)

--In some cases a 1:1 student exchange can assist since the FAU tuition can be waived. If admission can be blanket for a school and WES or Silny costs not needed, it would help. Also local housing and meals could be built into the exchange, but special care is needed to establish comparable housing on both sides (FAU and in India)

--OIP has been trying to get University Advancement to raise gift funds for study abroad students; funds could also be raised to give needy international students a scholarship to come to FAU; getting FAU to waive tuition to instate or at a % lower than the normal rate is not likely to happen in this fiscal climate

--FAU Research Division niche areas for development (healthy aging, neuroscience, and climate change) should be taken into consideration as well; it was also noted that many
other US agencies might be investing in US-Indian partnerships and we should exploit these grant and aid resources to develop targeted programs we want to develop and use to attract Indian partners. This is more likely to be successful than just targeting the enrolling student (who can go anywhere with their personal funding).

--Many departments would like to attract post docs to FAU as well, they can teach as adjuncts or on grants, get a useful US experience and FAU students will have a more experienced classroom instructor; new research connections could result as well

5. Next steps:

--each college rep will organize a forum or meeting for their college in the next month or so to which Cathy and other TF members can attend; how this is done is up to the rep but the focus will be college specific however and drill down to get ideas and info; TF noted that this session should make clear the strategic idea of linking to ways to provide support for incoming Indian students or projects we imagine we want to do; what will we do to make FAU attractive to quality partners in India?

--Cathy will fill in other aspects of the inventory and post it at the website

--Research Division will do research on funding ideas and potential grants

--IAPP Study Tour in Fall Nov 6-13th 2010 is expensive ($8,000) for anyone besides Cathy; might make more sense to arrange other trips by FAU faculty that target certain locations in India either before or after Nov 13th 2001, and thereafter in 2011; Cathy plans to spend a second week in India and TF or others might want to come that week to go to a location we feel important to check out; two TF members are already going to be in India in July and Dec and we may be able to take advantage of their presence to have them see people/places if it makes sense; piggybacking on other trips will leverage funds more wisely; eventually if we create a strategy that maximizes and raises resources we can then go to FAU leaders and ask for a targeted infusion of funds to make India connections happen

--Cathy noted that the overall IAPP process offers us the chance to show how a strategic plan for IE can be created, and this could lead to greater awareness and acceptance at FAU of IE potential in other locations (beyond India) as well

--Final comment after several TF had left, we need to also note industry and company links and potential to assist in this, as well a Scripps and Max Planck