**Dr. Karen Holbrook** VP for Research and Innovation: importantly, Ideas were shared!

We are a major research university; we have extraordinary programs; we have great investigators; but people don’t get to see what each other do across campus so the idea is to bring it together, so people can look at the whole spectrum.

While research funds helps improve USF’s facilities --Just think about the money that comes in -- Builds better labs, builds better equipment, builds better libraries

Less tangible but just as vital goes to to faculty and students -- They don’t use just what comes out of the text book they use the knowledge that they are creating to work with students. Gives students a wonderful opportunity to be part of creating knowledge -- not just learning it but creating it.

**Dr. Steven/Stephen Plasco/Plax**o SR VP of USF Health Center – Research One put a spotlight on individual faculty members as well as the collaborative efforts that they contribute to. “The research one idea says it’s about each of you individually. But then on the other side it says that none of that is going to work unless we integrate across lots of different individuals, departments and colleges.

**USF President Judy Genshaft**: “We have research as our mission and its part of bringing new discoveries and new talent to our community and to the world.”

Last year USF brought in $360M research funds and currently on pace to surpass that amount this year.