Charges:

1. Define research infrastructure, identify elements present at WSU, and develop a structure to bin infrastructure elements for evaluation.

2. Within bins identify the barriers that exist to research excellence (technology, physical facilities, staff, and management).

3. Provide a tiered prioritization of future investments into research infrastructure needed to support WSU “research themes”.

4. Provide actionable recommendations that identify funding opportunities (facilities construction, technology acquisition, and ongoing operations) and changes in management that remove barriers and achieve excellence in research infrastructure.