

Strategic Plan 2016





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Introduction

Thirty years is the span of a generation. In its first 30 years, Shawnee State University experienced a great many "firsts" as it grew. Academic programs were developed. Processes to improve access to higher education in the Appalachian region of Ohio were formed. Student services were created, and community partnerships were formed. What was built in 1986 served our students and community well in our early years of growth.

To serve the changing and growing needs of the next generation, we launched a 12-month strategic planning process. Over that time, we worked with faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, business leaders, donors, and community members to take an in-depth look at who we are, who we serve, how our environment has changed, what sets us apart as an institution, and what our students, community, region, and state need from us today – and tomorrow.

We're proud of the work that went into developing this strategic plan — and we look forward to seeing it come to life as we work with divisions, departments, teams, and individuals to accomplish specific goals that help us to fulfill our mission and work toward our vision for the future.

Thank you to all those on this journey with us.

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Guiding Principles

Our Guiding Principles reflect the culture at Shawnee State University and express why we exist, what we value, and our aspirations for the future.

Our Mission

We prepare today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

Our Vision

We will be a best-value university offering a wide range of high-quality signature programs.

Our Enduring Values

Enduring values provide a foundation for everything we do.

They guide how we behave in our interactions with our students, families, alumni, friends of the University, and each other.

They tell our clients what is important to us and what they can expect from us.

Student-Focused Service

We place students at the center of everything we do and every decision we make.

Community Engagement

We value the diverse perspectives of the people within our community — on and off campus — and our role in enriching the lives of those who work, live, and discover here.

Authentic Dialogue

We respect open, honest, and sincere two-way communication.

Thoughtful Risk-Taking

We value innovation and encourage those around us to dream big and explore new possibilities.

Culture of Continuous Improvement

We look for opportunities to improve.



Strategic Planning Participants

We gratefully acknowledge the time, expertise, and insight of these participants:

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Strategic Framework

This map illustrates the assumption underlying the University's strategic journey: SSU must deliver on its strategic goals to fulfill the mission and attain the vision. Our five enduring values guide everyone's behaviors and decisions.

Our Strategic Goals

- 1. Our academic programs give Shawnee State and our graduates a competitive advantage
- 2. Our admission practices help prospective students identify the best pathway to their academic and career goals
- 3. Our services enhance the quality of life for students and community
- 4. Our business operations and processes are customer-focused and outcomedriven

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Strategic Goals

The following tables identify the major strategies needed to accomplish each strategic goal.

Goal 1: Our academic programs give Shawnee State and our graduates a competitive advantage

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | | | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|-----------------------|----|---|-------------|-------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1. | | ain resources necessary to enable our grams to be competitive | | | | |
| | a. | Transparent strategic budgeting | 2016/CONT | FA | AA/EMSA/AEX/ PRES | |
| | b. | Float a major bond | FY 17 | FA | BOT/AA/EMSA/ AEX/PRES | |
| | c. | View faculty release time as an investment | CONT | AA | COLLEGES | |
| | d. | More aggressively pursue grants that lead to sustainable programs | 2017/CONT | AA | COLLEGES IRSP/AEX | |
| | e. | Conduct targeted fundraising initiatives | 2016/CONT | AEX | AA/EMSA | |
| 2. | _ | lement a regular standardized process to ew and prioritize academic programs | | | | |
| | a. | Define what a program is before the review and align the system with the definition | 2016 | AA | COLLEGES | |
| | b. | Meet state's mandates for academic program review | CONT | АА | COLLEGES | |
| | c. | Ensure accessibility to data | CONT | AA | IRSP/ITS | |
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Goal 1: Our academic programs give Shawnee State and our graduates a competitive advantage

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|--|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| d. Increase data research and analysis resources | 2017 | AA | IRSP/FA | |
| e. Create a system-wide approach to data analysis (e.g., data warehouse) | 2017 | AA | AA/FA/EMSA | |
| f. Create a robust technology infrastructure that supports data analysis | 2016 | FA | AA/ EMSA/AEX | |
| g. Communicate the review process | 2016 | AA | AEX/EMSA | |
| 3. Maximize our competitive advantages | | | | |
| a. Survey students and use information | 2016 | EMSA | FA/AA/AEX | |
| b. Implement Phase 1 of the 2016 marketing plan | 2016 | AEX | EMSA/AA | |
| (1) Make success data visible online | | AEX | EMSA/AA/FA | |
| (2) Reach out to high schools | | AA | EMSA/AEX | |
| (3) Explore local directional signage | | FA | AEX | |
| c. Develop a robust alumni outreach program (friend-raising vs. fundraising) | 2016/CONT | AEX | AA/EMSA | |
| d. Recruit and retain more diverse and inclusive student body | CONT | EMSA | AA/AEX | |
| 4. Advance a culture of continuous improvement for academic programs | | | | |





Goal 1: Our academic programs give Shawnee State and our graduates a competitive advantage

| 1. Strateg | - | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|------------|---|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| a. | Infuse new cultural thinking via the strategic planning process and align with guiding principles | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | (1) Provide staff development and interaction on the desired culture | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | (2) Provide incentives for modeling the exemplary living out of the Shawnee culture | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | (3) Do not tolerate behaviors that counter the Shawnee culture | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| b. | Clarify expectations | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| c. | Emphasize a culture of quality | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| d. | Provide transparency on problems and solutions | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |





Goal 2: Our admission practices help prospective students identify the best pathway to their career goals

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1. | Establish and regularly review best practices that directly support student success | | | | |
| | a. Early orientation | 2016/CONT | EMSA | AA/AEX | |
| | b. Course on first-year experience | 2016 | AA | COLLEGES | |
| | c. Provide information and outcome data to public school teachers and superintendents | CONT | AA | EMSA/AEX | |
| | d. Teach financial literacy and develop benchmarks and milestones | 2016 | АА | EMSA/AEX/ COLLEGES | |
| | e. Address Academic Affairs and Student Affairs risk factors | CONT | AA | EMSA/AEX | |
| | f. Incorporate proven best practices for supporting at-risk students | 2016 | AA | EMSA | |
| | g. Speak students' language throughout all materials | CONT | EMSA | AA/AEX/FA | |
| | h. Identify and define behaviors correlated to student success and communicate those behaviors to students | 2017 | AA | EMSA/AEX | |
| | i. Open access to computers and Internet spaces | 2017 | FA | AA | |
| | j. More co-requisite courses | 2018 | AA | COLLEGES | |
| | k. Student role models and mentors (peer mentorship) | 2017 | EMSA | AA | |





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| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status | |
|-----------------------|----|---|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| | l. | Tutoring satellites across campus | 2017 | AA | EMSA | |
| | m. | Develop a cohort model | 2018 | AA | EMSA/AEX | |
| | n. | Clearly show path to success. Establish success rituals. | 2016/CONT | EMSA | AEX/AA/ PRES/FA | |
| | 0. | Integrate program-specific success supports across courses | 2018 | АА | EMSA/AEX | |
| 2. | _ | eer pathways for prospective students | | | | |
| | a. | Explore alternative approaches for students to be accepted outside traditional matriculation criteria | 2018 | AA | EMSA | |
| | b. | Decide how to provide a successful developmental coursework pathway for residential students | 2016/CONT | АА | EMSA/AEX COLLEGES | |
| | c. | Develop a strategic enrollment plan | 2017 | EMSA | AEX,AA | |
| | d. | Provide clear admissions deadlines: Deferment vs. 'no' | 2017 | EMSA | AA/AEX | |
| | e. | Partner more with public schools, community colleges, and career tech centers | 2016 | AA | EMSA/AEX/ PRES | |
| 3. | | expectations for students' oonsibilities in their own success | | | | |





Goal 2: Our admission practices help prospective students identify the best pathway to their career goals

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| a. | Willingness to actively participate: Challenge and choice ("Do you have what it takes?" marketing campaign) | 2018 | AEX | EMSA/AA | |
| b. | Adopt a client-service versus customer- service partnership model | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |





Goal 3: Our services enhance the quality of life for students and community

| | 1. Strategy a. Tactic | | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|----|-----------------------|---|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. | | relop a communication plan that outlines ective communication processes | | | | |
| | а. | Build overt, intentional, transparent, and cross-functional collaborative communication without the risk of punishment | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | b. | Create social events to build inter-collegiate and cross-functional relationships | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | c. | One-stop communication resource / database / Google Search / Calendar | 2018 | AEX | FA/EMSA/AA | |
| | d. | Keep up-to-date on communication channels and social media | CONT | AEX | EMSA/AA | |
| 2. | | ntract vendor services that are high ality and address student needs | | | | |
| | a. | Create more effective meetings between students and contract services by having administrators attend meetings and reducing meeting frequency | CONT | EMSA | FA/AA/AEX | |
| | b. | Revisit service contracts to make them more student-friendly | 2017/CONT | FA | EMSA/AA/AEX | |
| | C. | Institute annual contract review meetings [note – encourage participation by students, or have a meeting with students prior to annual contract review meetings] | CONT | FA | EMSA/AA/AEX | |





Goal 3: Our services enhance the quality of life for students and community

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|--|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| d. Explore local sourcing opportunities | 2018 | FA | AEX | |
| e. Streamline the contracting processes | 2016/CONT | FA | AEX | |
| f. Continue to work with the housing provider to provide more student-friendly services | CONT | EMSA | FA | |
| g. Develop a housing contingency plan for students, grad students, and faculty | 2017 | FA | EMSA/AA/AEX | |
| 3. Cultivate diverse and strong partnerships with the community | | | | |
| a. Partner with city and state on traffic patterns and signage | 2016 | FA | AEX | |
| b. Push SSU footprint into downtown in a positive way | 2017 | AEX | FA/AA/EMSA | |
| c. Create a teacher exchange program with local high schools | 2017/CONT | АА | EMSA/AEX | |
| d. Create an SSU/K-12 mentoring partnership | 2016/CONT | AA | EMSA/AEX | |
| e. Explore educational opportunities for students and the community that benefit the community | CONT | AEX | AA/EMSA | |
| f. Be a resource and a partner in economic development | CONT | AEX | AA/EMSA/FA | |
| g. Increase service learning opportunities | 2017 | AA | EMSA | |





Goal 3: Our services enhance the quality of life for students and community

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status | |
|--------------------------|-----|---|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| 4. | and | nage resources to promote efficiency d enhance services to students and community | | | | |
| | a. | Maximize the Vern Riffe Center for events that attract both the community and students | 2017 | AEX | AA/EMSA/FA | |
| | b. | Encourage staff and faculty service to the community and students | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| 5. | ref | mote an institutional culture that lects our mission, vision, and during values | | | | |
| | a. | Create student-centered class schedules | 2017 | AA | EMSA/FA/AEX | |
| | b. | Build a sense of community on campus | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | c. | Explore theme-based programming and research | 2018 | АА | AEX/EMSA | |
| | d. | Ensure training programs address cultural concerns of faculty and staff | CONT | FA | AA/EMSA/AEX | |
| | e. | Build upon the FYE program | CONT | AA | COLLEGES | |
| | f. | Conduct best-practice advising training for faculty | 2017 | АА | EMSA | |





Goal 4: Our operations and processes are customer-focused and outcome-driven

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|---------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. E | Engage in data-informed decision-making | | | | |
| ā | a. Develop an intranet with nonpublic data (e.g., academic program review) | 2017 | FA | AEX/EMSA/AA | |
| t | processes that help students from pre- enrollment to graduation | CONT | EMSA/AA | FA/AEX | |
| C | c. Break down silos in enrollment management across divisions to facilitate collaboration | CONT | EMSA/AA | FA/AEX | |
| C | d. Require faculty and staff to utilize the available tools needed for data analysis and decision-making | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | Adopt best practices in our operations and delivery of services | | | | |
| ā | a. Conduct peer comparisons regarding best practices | 2017 | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| Ł | c. Encourage professional development regarding best practices | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| C | c. Balance teaching load with professional development | CONT | AA | COLLEGES | |
| (| d. Establish a leadership development program for faculty and staff | 2017 | FA | AA/AEX/EMSA | |
| | e. Expand the Teaching and Learning Center | 2018 | AA | FA/EMSA/AEX | |



Goal 4: Our operations and processes are customer-focused and outcome-driven

| 1. Strategy a. Tactic | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|---|-------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| f. Explore alternative instructional delivery options | CONT | АА | FA/EMSA/AEX | |
| g. Define data needs and how to access data | 2017 | AA | FA/EMSA/AEX/ PRES | |
| h. Explore best practice service delivery options | CONT | FA | EMSA/AEX/AA | |
| i. Ensure that the academic program review process is guided by best practices | CONT | АА | COLLEGES | |
| Promote a culture of optimism, inclusion, and success | | | | |
| a. Report and celebrate institutional success | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| b. Proactively address the culture of fear | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| c. Promote a faculty culture of concern and caring for students | 2017 | AA | AEX/EMSA | |
| d. Celebrate instances of living the enduring values especially authentic dialogue, thoughtful risk-taking, and culture of continuous improvement | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| e. Clearly define everyday business processes and procedures that support strategic change | CONT | FA | AEX/AA/PRES/ EMSA | |



Goal 4: Our operations and processes are customer-focused and outcome-driven

| | rategy Tactic | Target Date | Owner | Resources needed | Status |
|----|--|-------------|---------|---------------------|--------|
| 4. | Foster an image and brand of SSU as a student-centered, best-value university | | | | |
| | a. Reinforce branding messages internally and externally | CONT | AEX | AA/EMSA/FA | |
| | b. Address concerns of students and invest resources to support successful students | 2016 | AA/EMSA | AEX/FA | |
| | c. Highlight and market high-quality programs | 2017 | AEX | EMSA, AA | |
| | d. Brand SSU as a "first choice" university | 2017 | AEX | EMSA/AA/FA/ PRES | |
| | e. Bust the myths (e.g., embrace Appalachia Proud) | CONT | AEX | EMSA/AA/FA/ PRES | |
| | f. Define signature programs | 2017 | AA | EMSA/AEX | |
| 5. | Align resources to support student success in tomorrow's world | | | | |
| | Expand on-campus utilization of students in meaningful campus employment, research, and professional internships | 2017 | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | b. Establish research assistant and teaching assistant positions for students | 2018 | AA | AEX/FA | |
| | c. Share resources across divisions | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |
| | d. Upgrade technology to keep up with the expectations of students in higher education | CONT | PRES | AEX/AA/FA/ EMSA | |





Measures of Success

An important element of any strategic plan is a description of success in quantitative ways. This table summarizes the critical measures of success for Shawnee State University's mission, vision, and goals. Targets describe what level of a particular success measure is to be achieved. More detailed measures may be tracked as necessary to inform these high-level metrics.

| Mission | Measures of Success | Targets (if applicable) | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
| | Graduation and Program Completion | Increase by 20% by 2021 | | |
| We prepare today's students to susseed | Job Placement | Establish Baseline in 2017 | | |
| We prepare today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world. | 300 Hacement | Set target annually | | |
| | Graduate/Professional School | Establish Baseline in 2017 | | |
| | Placement | Set target annually | | |
| Vision | Measures of Success | | | |
| | Retention Rate | Increase by 18% by 2021 | | |
| We will be a best-value university | Professional Accreditation of Programs | Five-year cycle | | |
| offering a wide range of high-quality signature programs. | Peer Comparison for Cost of | Establish a baseline in 2017/18 | | |
| | Attendance | Re-evaluate on three-year cycle | | |
| | Academic Program Review | Five-year cycle | | |





Measures of Success — continued

| Strategic Goals | Measures of Success | Targets (if applicable) |
|---|--|--|
| | Job Placement | Establish Baseline in 2017Set target annually |
| Goal 1: Our academic programs give Shawnee State and our graduates a competitive advantage | Graduate/Professional School Placement | Establish Baseline in 2017Set target annually |
| | Success on Licensure Tests | Establish Baseline in 2017Measure annually |
| | Retention Rate | Establish Baseline in 2017Measure annually |
| Goal 2: Our admission practices help prospective students identify the best pathway to their career goals | Graduation and Program Completion | Establish Baseline in 2017 Measure annually |
| | Job Placement | Establish Baseline in 2017Set target annually |
| Goal 3: Our services enhance the quality of life for students and | Client Satisfaction | Establish Baseline in 2017Set target annually |
| community | Community Service | Establish Baseline in 2017Set target annually |





Strategic Goals

| Goal 4: Our operations and processes are customer-focused and outcome- | Client Satisfaction | Establish Baseline in 2017Set target annually | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| driven | Customer Satisfaction | Establish Baseline in 2017Set target annually | | |





Implementation Schedule

This schedule may be adjusted based on emerging priorities and budget amendments.

| Strategies and Tactics (sorted by target completion date) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1.1.a. Transparent strategic budgeting | х | | | | |
| 1.1.e. Conduct targeted fundraising initiatives | х | | | | |
| 1.2.a. Define what a program is before the review and align the system with the definition | х | | | | |
| 1.2.f. Create a robust technology infrastructure that supports data analysis | х | | | | |
| 1.2.g. Communicate the review process | x | | | | |
| 1.3.a. Survey students and use information | х | | | | |
| 1.3.b. Implement Phase 1 of the 2016 marketing plan | х | | | | |
| 1.3.c. Develop a robust alumni outreach program (friend-raising vs. fundraising) | х | | | | |
| 2.1.a. Early orientation | х | | | | |
| 2.1.b. Course on first-year experience | х | | | | |
| 2.1.d. Teach financial literacy and develop benchmarks and milestones | х | | | | |
| 2.1.f. Incorporate proven best practices for supporting at-risk students | х | | | | |
| 2.1.n. Clearly show path to success. Establish success rituals. | х | | | | |
| 2.2.b. Decide how to provide a successful developmental coursework pathway for residential students | х | | | | |
| 2.2.e. Partner more with public schools, community colleges, and career tech centers | х | | | | |
| 3.2.e. Streamline the contracting processes | x | | | | |
| 3.3.a. Partner with city and state on traffic patterns and signage | х | | | | |



| Strategies and Tactics (sorted by target completion date) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3.3.d. Create an SSU/K-12 mentoring partnership | х | | | | |
| 4.4.b. Address concerns of students and invest resources to support successful students | х | | | | |
| 1.1.b. Float a major bond | | х | | | |
| 1.1.d. More aggressively pursue grants that lead to sustainable programs | | х | | | |
| 1.2.d. Increase data research and analysis resources | | х | | | |
| 1.2.e. Create a system-wide approach to data analysis (e.g., data warehouse) | | x | | | |
| 2.1.h. Identify and define behaviors correlated to student success and communicate those behaviors to students | | × | | | |
| 2.1.i. Open access to computers and Internet spaces | | х | | | |
| 2.1.k. Student role models and mentors (peer mentorship) | | х | | | |
| 2.1.l. Tutoring satellites across campus | | x | | | |
| 2.2.c. Develop a strategic enrollment plan | | х | | | |
| 2.2.d. Provide clear admissions deadlines: Deferment vs. `no' | | х | | | |
| 3.2.b. Revisit service contracts to make them more student-friendly | | х | | | |
| 3.2.g. Develop a housing contingency plan for students, grad students, and faculty | | x | | | |
| 3.3.b. Push SSU footprint into downtown in a positive way | | х | | | |
| 3.3.c. Create a teacher exchange program with local high schools | | х | | | |
| 3.3.g. Increase service learning opportunities | | х | | | |
| 3.4.a. Maximize the Vern Riffe Center for events that attract both the community and students | | х | | | |
| 3.5.a. Create student-centered class schedules | | Х | | | |



| Strategies and Tactics (sorted by target completion date) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3.5.f. Conduct best-practice advising training for faculty | | х | | | |
| 4.1.a. Develop an intranet with nonpublic data (e.g., academic program review) | | х | | | |
| 4.2.a. Conduct peer comparisons regarding best practices | | х | | | |
| 4.2.d. Establish a leadership development program for faculty and staff | | x | | | |
| 4.2.g. Define data needs and how to access data | | х | | | |
| 4.3.c. Promote a faculty culture of concern and caring for students | | х | | | |
| 4.4.c. Highlight and market high-quality programs | | х | | | |
| 4.4.d. Brand SSU as a "first choice" university | | х | | | |
| 4.4.f. Define signature programs | | х | | | |
| 4.5.a. Expand on-campus utilization of students in meaningful campus employment, research, and professional internships | | Х | | | |
| 2.1.j. More co-requisite courses | | | х | | |
| 2.1.m. Develop a cohort model | | | х | | |
| 2.1.o. Integrate program-specific success supports across courses | | | х | | |
| 2.2.a. Explore alternative approaches for students to be accepted outside traditional matriculation criteria | | | х | | |
| 2.3.a. Willingness to actively participate: Challenge and choice ("Do you have what it takes?" marketing campaign) | | | х | | |
| 3.1.c. One-stop communication resource / database / Google Search / Calendar | | | х | | |
| 3.2.d. Explore local sourcing opportunities | | | х | | |
| 3.5.c. Explore theme-based programming and research | | | х | | |
| 4.2.e. Expand the Teaching and Learning Center | | | х | | |



| Strategies and Tactics (sorted by target completion date) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| 4.5.b. Establish research assistant and teaching assistant positions for students | | | х | | |

| Ongoing Strategies and Tactics |
|---|
| 1.1.c. View faculty release time as an investment |
| 1.2.b. Meet state's mandates for academic program review |
| 1.2.c. Ensure accessibility to data |
| 1.3.d. Recruit and retain more diverse and inclusive student body |
| 1.4.a. Infuse new cultural thinking via the strategic planning process, align with guiding principles |
| 1.4.b. Clarify expectations |
| 1.4.c. Emphasize a culture of quality |
| 1.4.d. Provide transparency on problems and solutions |
| 2.1.c. Provide information and outcome data to public school teachers and superintendents |
| 2.1.e. Address Academic Affairs and Student Affairs risk factors |
| 2.1.g. Speak students' language throughout all materials |
| 2.3.b. Adopt a client-service versus customer-service partnership model |
| 3.1.a. Build cross-functional collaborative communication without the risk of punishment |
| 3.1.b. Create social events to build inter-collegiate and cross-functional relationships |
| 3.1.d. Keep up-to-date on communication channels and social media |
| 3.2.a. Create more effective meetings between students and contract services |
| 3.2.c. Institute annual contract review meetings |
| 3.2.f. Continue to work with the housing provider to provide more student-friendly services |
| 3.3.e. Explore ed. opportunities for students and the community that benefit the community |
| 3.3.f. Be a resource and a partner in economic development |
| 3.4.b. Encourage staff and faculty service to the community and students |
| 3.5.b. Build a sense of community on campus |
| 3.5.d. Ensure training programs address cultural concerns of faculty and staff |
| 3.5.e. Build upon the FYE program |
| 4.1.b. Identify, fix, and replicate successful processes that help students pre-enrollment-graduation |
| 4.1.c. Break down silos in enrollment management across divisions to facilitate collaboration |
| 4.1.d. Require faculty/staff to utilize available tools needed for data analysis and decision-making |
| 4.2.b. Encourage professional development regarding best practices |
| 4.2.c. Balance teaching load with professional development |





| 4.2.f. Explore alternative instructional delivery options |
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| 4.2.h. Explore best practice service delivery options |
| 4.2.i. Ensure that the academic program review process is guided by best practices |
| 4.3.a. Report and celebrate institutional success |
| 4.3.b. Proactively address the culture of fear |
| 4.3.d. Celebrate instances of living the enduring values |
| 4.3.e. Clearly define everyday business processes and procedures that support strategic change |
| 4.4.a. Reinforce branding messages internally and externally |
| 4.4.e. Bust the myths (e.g., embrace Appalachia Proud) |
| 4.5.c. Share resources across divisions |
| 4.5.d. Upgrade technology to keep up with the expectations of students in higher education |



Next Steps

- Communicate the Strategic Plan to staff and internal and external key stakeholders clearly and often.
- Have internal conversations on how faculty and staff can contribute to the mission and vision and live the enduring values.
- Develop and implement detailed tactical action plans as needed.
- Track progress and identify data trends.
- Focus on strategy throughout the year through strategy-based staff and board of trustees meeting agendas and annual progress reports.
- Regularly report updates and results to all key stakeholders.
- Use measures of success for continuous improvement toward service excellence.
- Celebrate success!
- Regularly review, validate, and update the Strategic Plan.





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