
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST GOALS FOR 2010-11

Establish working groups to develop plans for implementations of the Academic Strategic Plan and Commission Gustavus 150 goals. In particular:

- Plan for maintenance, repair, acquisition, and replacement of science laboratory instrumentation.
- Create a vision for supporting undergraduate research by assessing current undergraduate research and determining how it can be more effective.
- Form a three-year plan to review and support the needs and effectiveness of existing interdisciplinary programs and to explore the development of new interdisciplinary courses and programs.
- Work with the Compensation Committee to establish an appropriate list of benchmark schools and develop a plan for moving salary levels toward parity and continue work with the Benefits Committee to improve comparisons with MPCC schools.
- Develop plans to increase the acquisitions budget for the library (both operating and restricted funds).
- Devise a plan to increase technology funding to achieve appropriate replacement cycles for equipment and regularize the utilization of portable computers for instructional use.

In collaboration with the Director of Institutional Research, develop plans to more fully utilize institutional data to inform strategic decisions.

Organize transition logistics for the move into the new academic building in the summer of 2011. Complete the planning for, acquisition, and installation of technological equipment in offices, classrooms, and labs in the new academic building.

Identify uses for and develop plans for remodeling the Anderson building, in collaboration with appropriate constituents

Continue to support diversity on campus. In particular, hire, retain, and support a more diverse faculty, provide a greater understanding of diversity issues through faculty development, and provide support for programs that promote the academic goals of a more diverse student population.

Continue to support the current Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) grant and determine, in collaboration with the HHMI grant director and others, strategic initiatives for the next HHMI grant application.

In collaboration with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) self-study co-chairs, establish a steering committee of faculty, staff, and administrators to continue preparations for the HLC comprehensive re-accreditation site visit in 2013.

Prepare for the smooth transition to a new Provost and Dean of the College.