

Vision 2020 Update – Academic Programs, Research Growth, Faculty Excellence and Rewards and Public Service

Overall Status



Goal III: Implement five degree programs that may be completed entirely online. Online options should address student interest along with current and anticipated business/industry demand.
Strategy A: Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to grow and support online offerings.

Recent Key Accomplishments

A comprehensive plan to grow and support online offerings including fully online programs has been created. Three programs have been created in the fully online format.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approved the University's request to offer fully online degree programs.

Upcoming Activities

A new online master's degree in Education was created and approved by the Board of Governors of WVSU. Work toward a program launch date continues.

Emerging Issues

Courses that exist in 100 percent online format need Quality Matters (QM) review by a faculty committee. Some courses needs to be modified to adopt QM standards.

Solutions

We are currently investigating having an external company help design the online courses according to their quality standards.

Upcoming Deliverables/Milestones

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Due Date</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Progress</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Item. HLC approval | 2/29/15 | | 100% | HLC has approved up to 100 percent of the programs to be fully online. |
| Item. Create online courses for the new program | 5/15/15 | | 90% | All the courses required for three online programs to begin in fall 2016 are completed. |