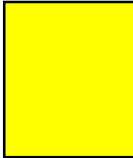


Vision 2020 Update-Academic Programs, Research Growth, Faculty Excellence and Rewards and Public Service

Overall Status



Goal V: Promote and increase university-wide public service activities, which include faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners, outreach and engagement efforts.

Strategy B: Improve faculty participation and collaboration in extension and public service activities in an effort to enhance and validate existing and new outreach programs.

Recent Key Accomplishments

Established strong collaborations between faculty in Social Work & Extension's Food and Consumer Sciences (FCS) area.

All faculty participating in Evans Allen research continue strengthening collaborations with the Extension areas.

Several Departments across all Colleges (e.g. Business, Sociology, Education, Chemistry, etc.) have engaged in outreach activities with public schools, businesses and local communities.

Upcoming Activities

Several academic and public service units will explore collaborative opportunities through participation in the USDA's NIFA Capacity Building Grants (April 2016 and thereafter).

Several activities are being planned by various units including CARES Day, Chemistry Olympiad, Research Symposium, Undergraduate Research Day, School Sciences Academies, etc.

Research and Public Service unit is meeting with all academic departments to discuss a coordinated system.

Emerging Issues

State funding, which supports these activities, has decreased and is anticipated to continue diminishing for the remainder of the strategic plan's cycle.

Greater and more effective coordination of all university-wide public service activities is being explored.

Solutions

Federal and private external funding is being sought through grants and other proposal requests to support these activities.

Coordinated efforts among all Colleges and the Research and Public Service unit is underway to more effectively monitor and provide support for all associated activities.

Upcoming Deliverables/Milestones

<u>Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Item. Submission of CBG proposals by various academic and RPS units.	04/01/2016		10%	This activity is currently in progress
Item. Meeting with all academic departments and RPS to discuss a coordinated system.	Summer 2016		5%	This activity is currently in planning phase