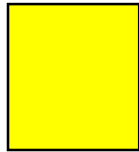


Vision 2020 Update – Academic Programs, Research Growth, Faculty Excellence and Rewards and Public Service

Overall Status



Goal II: Develop new and reconfigure existing academic programs to be responsive to student, stakeholder and community needs.

Strategy C: Expand MS and/or MA offering at the University with at least one in STEAM by 2020.

Recent Key Accomplishments

Beginning in fall 2015, the first cohort of students began studying in the University's new Master's of Public Administration degree program. With this addition, WVSU now offers five master's degrees, two of which are Biotechnology (M.A. & M.S.)

Upcoming Activities

Activity 1a: WVSU will endeavor to add at least one new Master's degree program in the STEAM field

Activity 1b: Graduate programs that are being considered in the future include a master's in Social Work, Business Administration, and Environmental and Agricultural Sciences. These programs will undergo various levels of evaluation and approval before they can be formalized.

Emerging Issues

Internal: Ensuring that there is the human capital available to deliver the master's program.

External: Funding to support the program will be limited due to current and future state and federal budget cuts.

Solutions

Assess federal and corporate funding opportunities as an opportunity to hire new faculty support for new Masters Programs.

Upcoming Deliverables/Milestones

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Due Date</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Progress</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| Item. Feasibility assessment to add additional masters programs | 05/01/16 | | 10% | We continue to explore the possibility of adding degrees in this area. |
| Item. Develop proposals for approval by constituent groups and BOG. | 12/15/16 | | 10% | |
| Item. Attain external approval from HEPC and others | 05/15/16 | | 0% | |
| Item. Offer new Masters Degrees starting in Fall 2016, with at least one STEAM degree starting by Fall 2019 | 05/01/15 - 09/15/19 | | 0% | Submitted by: Dr. Orlando McMeans Date: 12/3/15 |