

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

Overall Status



Goal IV: Promote and expand the research mission of the University by increasing and supporting scholarly activities of faculty and students, and developing strategic partnerships with other institutions of higher education, government, and industry.

Strategy A: Increase external research and development funding by 10 percent annually starting in 2014, thus placing external funding at approximately \$25 million annually by 2020

Recent Key Accomplishments

The University has hired an external consultant to assist in the analysis of its research portfolio composition, as well as to identify opportunities for diversifying and intensifying research efforts. A meeting between consultants and faculty, administrators and staff has been scheduled to take place at WVSU on December 4, 2014.

Upcoming Activities

Activity 1a: Assessment of current research funding sources and portfolio composition to identify opportunities for diversifying and intensifying research efforts.

Activity 1b: Increase faculty participation in research and creative works by providing needed resources and incentives.

Activity 1c: Sponsored programs will increase activities to support and work with faculty in an array of disciplines.

Emerging Issues

Internal: Identified strategies will be affected by new academic areas being proposed as well as the two centers of excellence. **External:** Federal and State budget outlook will have an impact on external funding.

Solutions

Design strategies to increase external research funding to meet the needs of existing and new research areas.

Pursue potential funding agencies having funding opportunities in the institution's areas of strength.

Upcoming Deliverables/Milestones

<u>Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Item. Hiring of external consultant	11/01/14		100%	McAllister & Quinn (consultant) will be on campus on December 4, 2014 to meet with faculty and administrators.
Item. Assessment of WVSU's research portfolio	01/02/15 - 02/02/15		10%	The assessment of the research portfolio by consultant will be conducted after the initial meeting with the faculty
Item. Identify opportunities & strategies for research portfolio	02/03/15 - 03/31/15		0%	Results gathered by consultant will be discussed and strategies assembled

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