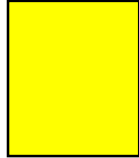


Vision 2020 Update—Academic Programs, Research Growth, Faculty Excellence and Rewards and Public Service

Overall Status



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

Strategy C: Expand Master of Science (MS) and/or Master of Arts (MA) offering at the University with at least one in STEAM by 2020.

Recent Key Accomplishments

The first graduate course at WVSU was offered in the fall of 2002. In the summer of 2003, the Higher Learning Commission voted to extend the University's accreditation to include the M.A. /M.S. in Biotechnology and the M.A. in Media Studies. Both master's programs have been successful.

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, Public Administration, 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 doctoral 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>
Item. Feasibility assessment to add additional masters programs	05/01/15		10%	There have been only preliminary discussions on this regard effected during the institution's self-study.
Item. Develop proposals for approval by constituent groups and BOG.	12/15/15		10%	Proposals for the various proposed degrees will more than likely have to be staggered.
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%	

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