

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 I: Establish Centers of Excellence in Energy and Genomics.

Recent Key Accomplishments

The University officially kicked off the WVSU Energy and Environmental Sciences Institute in October 2014.

An endowed faculty has been recruited and appointed as the Director of the Institute. The Institute for Genomics is not yet been established.

Upcoming Activities

Activity 1a: Continue working with the director of Energy Institute to identify funding opportunities to strengthen the research activities at the institute, including human and physical infrastructure.

Activity 1b: Explore strategies and funding opportunities to establish the genomics center of excellence and add water quality research.

Emerging Issues

Internal: Internal infrastructure and resources must be identified and procured. **External:** Opportunities to strengthen centers of excellence exist at several agencies including NSF, USDA, and Department of Ed.

Solutions

Design strategies to sustain the needs of the centers of excellence and associated research areas.

Explore funding opportunities with external agencies to support the growth and enhancement of these centers.

Upcoming Deliverables/Milestones

<u>Item</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Item: Establish Energy Institute	10/01/14		100%	The establishment of the institute was formally announced during the State of the University address by WVSU President Brian O. Hemphill.
Item: Increase infrastructural resources for Energy Institute	01/02/15 - 12/31/15		10%	Enhancement of physical and human capacity is needed to advance the goals of the institute.
Item. Identify funding opportunities & strategies for establishing Genomics Center diversifying	12/15/15 03/31/15		0%	McAllister & Quinn will assist WVSU in identifying opportunities and strategies for the Genomics Center.

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