

1 Academic Mission of the University**Academic Mission of the University Element****1. Inventory and Analysis of Existing Conditions**

1.a Vision: Florida State University will be one of the world's premier institutions of higher education, devoted to transforming the lives of our students, shaping the future of our state and society, and offering programs of national and international distinction in a climate of inquiry, engagement, collegiality, diversity, and achievement.

Mission: Florida State University preserves, expands, and disseminates knowledge in the sciences, technology, arts, humanities, and professions, while embracing a philosophy of learning, strongly rooted in the traditions of the liberal arts. The University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavors, and service. The University strives to instill the strength, skill, and character essential for lifelong learning, personal responsibility, and sustained achievement within a community that fosters free inquiry and embraces diversity.

Strategic Priorities:

Strategic Priority 1.0 - Recruit and graduate outstanding and diverse students.

Goal 1.1 - Florida State University will be a school of choice for talented students.

Goal 1.2 - Florida State University will be a leader in overall graduation rates by ensuring that students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) progress toward the degree in a timely manner.

Strategic Priority 2.0 - Enrich the student experience while supporting and improving undergraduate, graduate, and professional education.

Goal 2.1 - Florida State University will provide an undergraduate experience unsurpassed in developing well-rounded students who demonstrate excellence in their majors, exceptional leadership, and the ability to engage in lifelong learning, and contribute to a diverse and global society.

Goal 2.2 - Create an engaged intellectual community among faculty and students that fosters excellence and communication across disciplines, and prepares graduate and professional students to succeed in the 21st-century global workforce.

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Strategic Priority 3.0 - Recruit, develop, and retain outstanding and diverse faculty and staff.

Goal 3.1 - Recruit and hire outstanding employees at all levels.

Goal 3.2 - Create and maintain a harmonious, diverse, inclusive, and high-performing work environment.

Strategic Priority 4.0 - Enhance research and creative endeavors.

Goal 4.1 - Increase the quality and quantity of research and creative endeavors.

Goal 4.2 - Expand the number of nationally or internationally recognized interdisciplinary academic programs.

Goal 4.3 - Increase investments and external support to ensure administrative and academic sustainability for research & creative endeavors.

Strategic Priority 5.0 - Foster academic excellence.

Goal 5.1 - Accommodate and expand a collaborative campus.

Goal 5.2 - Develop the skills and provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

Goal 5.3 - Continue to promote a culture of academic and professional integrity.

Goal 5.4 - Foster global citizenship.

Goal 5.5 - Allocate resources to reward and sustain excellence.

Goal 5.6 - Promote excellence in technology applications and services.

Strategic Priority 6.0 - Ensure operational excellence while maintaining financial integrity.

Goal 6.1 - Optimize organizational performance.

Goal 6.2 - Ensure a safe and secure campus.

Goal 6.3 - Foster a spirit of service excellence.

Goal 6.4 - Achieve excellence in the physical campus environment.

Goal 6.5 - Achieve excellence in the sustainable campus environment.

Goal 6.6 - Make Florida State University an exemplar of mentoring programs for students, staff, and faculty.

Strategic Priority 7.0 - Strengthen the public service mission of the University.

Goal 7.1 - Foster a University commitment to problem solving.

Strategic Priority 8.0 - Build the University's national reputation.

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Goal 8.1 - Develop and communicate excellence at the University.

Note: On February 26, 2009, the FSU Board of Trustees approved the prologue, mission, vision, strategic priorities, supporting goals, and initiatives (not included herein), submitted by the 22-member Strategic Planning Committee. More information is available online at: fsuspc.fsu.edu

Source: 2013-2014 FSU Fact Book

1.b Description of University Facilities

A description of University Facilities as of July 2014 is included in the 2013-2014 FSU Fact Book. Current information can be found in the University Space Management System (USMS) database.

1.c Definition of University Service Area

As a graduate education and research institution, the Florida State University service area is statewide.

1.d Supplemental Policies

A supplemental policy of the President that further defines the University's Mission is to be recognized as one of the top 25 public universities in the nation. Specifically, recognition shall include membership in the AAU and be ranked among the top 25 public institutions for at least half of the academic departments.

2. Future Needs/Requirements**2.a Changes to the Mission Since Inception**

Pages 4 and 5 of the 2013-2014 FSU Fact Book describe the history of the University and track the evolution of the current mission.

2.b Changes to the Mission Since the Last Master Plan

Page 1 of the 2013-2014 FSU Fact Book describes the University's approved mission statement. The University has an on-going review process that looks at the University's mission and prepares modifications to it, when necessary. Any such modification is administered under the policies of the University's Board of Trustees, Florida Board of Governors and the Florida Board of Education.

2.c Fulfillment of Assigned Roles

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The University fulfills the role assigned to it of a major, comprehensive graduate research University by teaching, research and service.

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