

Interim University Council -- Scope of Responsibility

The Interim University Council is hereby created to guide the institution through the development of the 2015-20 strategic plan and associated alterations anticipated in planning and budgeting structures. Once those planning and budgeting structures are in place, the Council will be dissolved and replaced by a standing body charged with oversight and responsibility for the implementation and funding of the strategic plan.

The Council will assume many of the roles heretofore prescribed to the President's Council and the University Planning Committee. The Council will be chaired by the President and will meet on a monthly calendar.

The Council will assume the following roles and responsibilities:

- Consider proposals to pursue new strategic agendas that include creating new entities, pursuing new initiatives, approving new commitments to programs that require significant investments of university funds.
- Consider regularly the status, goals, outcomes, and success of the University's pursuit of its "completion agenda."
- Communicate information to constituency groups regarding matters that appear before the Council such as new/ongoing university projects, changes to university policies, etc.
- Develop 2015-20 institutional strategic master plan, operational targets, and budget process to support the articulation of planning goals/priorities.
- Consider actions proposed by the three committees that comprise the Strategic Budget Realignment Initiative (i.e., the Budget Process Committee, the Academic Portfolio Review Committee, and the Administrative Services Review Committee).
- Consider proposals to pursue major new goals or directions when pursuit of those efforts require the involvement of many segments of the university.
- Ensure that consideration of major new goals or directions are accompanied by purposeful critique, thorough assessment and consideration of impact, coordination with the budget process, and an implementation plan that provides for appropriate monitoring and reasonable evaluation of ongoing success.
- Provide for, track, and report accountability protocols for key performance indicators and other strategic planning outcomes.
- Provide an annual evaluation and assessment of the university's institutional effectiveness, planning, and budgeting processes.
- Review TBR and THEC planning mandates and associated reporting requirements and ensure that they receive appropriate action and attention across the campus.
- Oversee the university's compliance with SACS requirements and the implementation and assessment of the Quality Enhancement Plan.

- Review the university's vision, mission, values, and strategic goals annually; submit for the President's approval any proposed revisions thereof; and assure consideration of the university's mission in all planning activities on campus.
- Scan the environment for developments with implications for the university, explore appropriate responses to these developments, assure that institutional processes take into appropriate account environmental factors, and report on these matters at least annually to the President.

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