

Timetable for Selecting Major Program Initiatives to be Funded

May 26, 2006 - GERB announces the RFP

May 26, 2006 – October 2 – Academic units, centers, institutes, and interested faculty develop plans and discuss them with Deans and Associate Deans for Research. It is anticipated that these discussions will take place prior to the submission of letters of intent. Indeed, proposal ideas for strategic investments should be discussed with the Deans of all the colleges involved *well in advance of the submission of a letter of intent*. It is anticipated that these conversations will help identify links to other projects across campus. Faculty involved must strive to form strategic plans that involve other disciplines within and outside colleges as appropriate, and have those plans and collaborations in place before the letter of intent is submitted.

October 2, 2006 - Units submit formal Letters of Intent to their Dean's Office.

Letters of intent will be very brief including only a description of the initiative, the units and faculty involved. Letters must show approvals from Chairs and Directors.

October 9, 2006 – Deans forward all letters of intent to GERB. GERB will post them online for perusal across campus. This will allow all faculty to review the letters and see if additional linkages and collaborations can be made.

Mid October – GERB will meet with the Academic Leadership Council to review and discuss the progress of the strategic investment process.

November 17, 2006 – Proposers submit complete proposals to the academic Dean of each appropriate College. Only Colleges with graduate degree programs (Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, and Health and Human Services) are eligible to apply. *Multi-College proposals must be submitted to the dean of EACH/ALL college(s) involved in the collaboration.*

Each dean will review every proposal that he or she has been asked to endorse and select which of them will be recommended for final consideration by GERB. In doing so, deans will consider the overall strength of the proposal, the likelihood that the funding will help the unit to achieve national prominence, and the degree to which the proposals are aligned with the College's priorities.

January 8, 2007 - Each dean can submit up to two proposals to GERB for final consideration (the College of Arts and Sciences can submit three). One of those proposals (and two from Arts and Sciences) can be drawn from within the college. The other proposal must involve an inter-college collaboration. When an inter-college proposal is submitted, it must be endorsed and submitted by the dean of each participating college. Inter-college proposals count as a submission for both/all participating colleges. Only proposals that have been submitted by a dean will be

considered in the final review by GERB. Dean's recommendations are due to the Office of Graduate Studies by 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2007.

Early January 2007 – GERB will review the proposals and the deans' recommendations. Its members will rank the proposals and send the top proposals (those designated for potential funding) out for external review. Experts will be asked to provide an evaluation of proposals and identify areas of concern. Proposing units will be notified of the progress of their proposal.

GERB will keep the Provost and the Academic Leadership Council informed at each stage of the review process.

March 5, 2007 – Reviews are due back from external reviewers.

April 2, 2007 – GERB will provide selected proposing units with written questions regarding the proposals that emerge from the external reviews or from GERB deliberations.

April 16, 2007 – GERB will ask proposing units to appear as a small group (six maximum), in order to respond to questions that emerged during evaluation process.

Early May – GERB meets with the Academic Leadership Council. The purpose of this meeting is for GERB to discuss the review process with Council members.

May 7, 2007 - GERB sends funding recommendations to Provost.

May 14, 2007 - Provost announces strategic investments.

Funds will be available to selected initiatives on July 1, 2007.