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Recommendations

- 1. Ensure that the campus is fully accessible by 2010**
- 2. Create an Office for Disability Services that will operate autonomously within the Office for Institutional Equity.**
 - Increase disability staff by 1.0 FTE.
- 3. Increase compensation for resident-assistant staff.**
 - Recruit and retain excellent students as resident assistants.
- 4. Provide pedagogical development opportunities for interested faculty.**
 - Create “diversity across the curriculum” after the model of “writing across the curriculum” so that faculty learn how to incorporate diversity within their courses.
- 5. Strengthen existing faculty, staff, and student orientation programs.**
 - Ensure an inclusive, supportive, learning-centered environment on all of the regional campuses.
- 6. Establish a collaborative community/University climate team.**
 - Enable two-way communication between the community and the University.
 - Ensure that the community and the University have opportunities for input from each other.
- 7. Complete the current classroom renovation program, including Morton 235 and 237.**
 - Increase the pool of true active-learning classrooms to 5% of the extant inventory.
- 8. Initiate a comprehensive effort to create an intellectual culture of scholarship, engagement, and service on campus in order to displace the current drinking culture.**

Accomplishments

The Vision OHIO Executive Implementation Team selected five of the above recommendations for inclusion in the list of the top 75 recommendations emerging from the individual implementation teams:

- **Establish a collaborative community/University climate team.**
- **Initiate a comprehensive effort to create an intellectual culture of scholarship, engagement, and service on campus in order to displace the current drinking culture.**
- **Ensure that the campus is fully accessible.**
- **Increase compensation for resident-assistant staff to attract quality students.**
- **Complete the current classroom renovation program, including Morton 235 and 237.**

Student Affairs submitted a proposal to increase compensation for resident-assistant staff as part of the Vision OHIO reinvestment process. This proposal was endorsed by the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee.

The Future

Enhancing the environment on all Ohio University campuses by enacting the above recommendations is essential to fulfilling the potential of Vision OHIO. Creating a thriving intellectual culture across the campuses should reduce substance abuse and also help recruit and retain the best students, faculty, and staff. The faculty is the campus’s most valuable resource; this is why offering new faculty superior orientation programs and supplying all faculty with rich pedagogical development opportunities are critical institutional commitments. Given that residence halls are places of learning as well as living, as the success of the learning communities program confirms, it is imperative that we improve compensation for resident-assistant staff to facilitate both recruiting and retaining excellent undergraduates for those key positions. Resolving to build a stronger, more collaborative relationship between the University community and the communities surrounding our campuses will make it possible for members of both to share resources, solve mutual problems, and plan intelligently for their interrelated futures. Furthermore, Ohio University must continue with its efforts to make the campuses more accessible and to make sure that students, faculty, and staff with disabilities have optimal conditions for learning, living, and working. Finally, Ohio University must ensure that safety and quality lighting are hallmarks of every campus.

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