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Recommendations

A. Overall

- Establish the centrality of interdisciplinary (ID) studies to the University's academic mission.
- Establish an Interdisciplinary Council.
- Create a central funding pool for programmatic and individual incentives for ID activities.
- Ensure adequate weight is given for interdisciplinary activities in promotion and tenure decisions and annual merit evaluations.

B. Curricular Programs

- Create tagged, dual, buyout, joint, and flexible positions.
- Provide for cross-listing of new and existing ID courses.

C. Research

- Ensure that credit for research dollars attracted is appropriately reported across units and faculty.
- Ensure long-standing support for ID research (including funding during transition periods).
- Increase federal research funding, including support for interdisciplinary activities.

D. Service

- Establish financial, accounting and human-resource procedures that support ID service units in entrepreneurial or income-generating activities.

Accomplishments

- The new Interdisciplinary Council is well under way in the approval process. This Council is the key to advancing the agenda set forth in the recommendations.

The Future

- It is the team's hope that its recommendations will be the starting point for the new Interdisciplinary Council, and that this Council will serve to advance interdisciplinarity and remove obstacles to interdisciplinary activity at Ohio University.

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