

Vision Ohio Five Year Implementation Plan
Open Forum
October 26, 2007

Question: Where will the money come from to pay for this plan?

Response: Parts will be from generated income (i.e., retention). Parts will be from re-allocation. Some has still not been decided.

Question/Concern: Currently, there is a large problem of a shortage of scholarships for the students at OU. There needs to be a increase in the funding to make even the current scholarships more feasible. There does not seem to be any funding listed in this plan to address this problem. Would like to see this addressed/included in this plan.

Question from Branch Campus: Is this plan designed to act as a road-map (model) for regional campuses to follow as well?

Response: Yes.

Question: This plan does not specifically say where the money is going. How will the funding be distributed?

Response: While the plan outlines a few specific details as to what some areas are to receive, it is not a specific document. There is not a complete detailed list as yet.

Question: On Page 1, Objectives 1, Strategies a, "Expand availability of learning communities including regional campuses. The money proposed, \$2.871M over five years, looks great. How does the regional campuses get a piece of this?

Response: Unsure. This document is just a working draft at this point. Further discussions will be needed to make that determination.

Question: Is there a prioritization among the different pools of funding? If you don't achieve the goals set forth, will there still be funding given? Will be know what the prioritizations are?

Response: This document does not provide that information. It should be re-stated that the work this committee is currently undertaking, is only a small part of what needs to happen to begin the process of addressing the issues set forth in this document. Further discussions/meetings will be needed as this Implementation Plan is defined and put into place.

Question: On page 3, Goals IV, Objectives 2, "Improve the Health and Safety of Students". Is this topic related to the regional campuses as well? It should be if it isn't inclusive.

Response/Response: This document is a budget for the Athens campus, not the regional campus. The regional campuses budget and the Athens campus budget are separate and are looked at differently.

Question/Concern: On page 2, Goal III, Objective 3, Increase Diversity of Graduate Students. The current strategy (a) only lists recruiting from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The strategy should be inclusive of Women's Colleges/Institutions, Hispanic Students, Tribal Students, etc. The strategy needs to be re-written so it is inclusive in the final document.

Question: Will the current committee continue it's work on this plan (seeking input on prioritizing the needs, defining the budget sources, etc.), seeing it through the final implementation process?

Response: The committees' charge is to gather input (about the proposed plan) from all areas across the University, compile the results - addressing all concerns that are being stated - into a report, and then submit this report to the Provost by November 15.

Question: What is the role of the Administrative Staff in this plan? How does it support them and what is expected of them?

Response (Athletics): There are three major goals/strategies for Athletics: increasing graduation success rates, competing for championships, and provide more personal and professional development opportunities for our athletes. Recruiting and retaining successful coaches and staffing are essential to accomplishing these goals.

Response (Communication & Marketing): The department proposes four major initiatives which are listed on their website. Mainly our role is to support high quality education and to have higher visibility. Initiatives include: strengthen student recruitment marketing, continue with the academic marketing campaign, co-lead a project with the Office of Information Technology to do a web site assessment of the needs of the units, and to focus on building better visibility in regional and national news media. Each of these initiatives invest in our faculty/staff.

Question: How does the Classified Staff fit in? How do they play a role in this endeavor?

Response: To increase retention. Classified and administrative staff all play a major role in the retention of our students.

Question: What is the make-up of the committee?

Response: 3 Vice Presidents, the chairs of Classified Senate, Administrative Senate, Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Senate, 3 Dean's, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and the Executive Dean of Regional Campuses.

Question: What is the current graduation rate of the athletic students?

Response: 82%. This ranking is from our peers in the Mid-American Conference. This currently puts us in 5th place, out of a possible 12.

Question: How does that rate compare with Ohio University as a whole?

Response: That would have variable outcomes. If you look at the Federal Graduation rate, it is currently 2% below the general graduation rate.

Response to Response: The University needs to put this funding where it is needed versus what someone's goals might be for their particular program. All academic units could state the same goals, but only one unit is being invested in. We just need to place funding where it is needed, not just wanted.

Question: How does this support the branch campuses with regards to Athletics?

Response: This funding would affect 16 varsity programs on the Athens campus only. It was not meant to address issues on the branch campuses.

Question: Is this process/plan, one that is strengthening the regional campuses with the Athens campus?

Response: This process has not strengthened the relationship. Feels this is not relative to them and doesn't feel they are being separated from Athens.

Response/Regional Response: They are looking over the plan but they do not know how they would go about accessing some of the funding pockets. The regional campuses would like to have a seat at the table when these discussions are taking place.

Response/Response: Planning process should not be separate. They need to be better identified. How are the regional campuses going to fit in with the Athens campus if they are always treated differently? If the same issues being addressed on this campus is not being addressed on theirs? Even if the budgets are looked at differently, they should be included in this planning document and in the planning discussions. Perhaps we can include the regional campuses in the next open forum as well.