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### **COB Dean's Five Year Vision and Goals Statement**

At the outset it is helpful to compare the vision of the university with the vision of the College of Business (COB). The University vision states "Illinois State University, a first choice public university, will be increasingly recognized as a national leader for educating high achieving, motivated students who seek an individualized and transformative experience". The vision of the COB states that the college aspires to be "the first choice for business education in Illinois."

The COB has in place a strategic Plan for 2012-2017. During October 16-18, 2016 the COB was visited by a peer review team for a AACSB Accreditation Continuous Improvement Five Year Review in Business and in Accounting. The team was appreciative of the progress of the college and made a suggestion that the college was now in a position to make its mission statement more distinctive. The current mission statement is "Through our shared commitment to excellence in teaching, research and service, we prepare students to be skilled and ethical business professionals who will make significant positive contributions to organizations, to communities, and to our larger society."

A comprehensive planning process to formulate a strategic plan for 2017-2022 has begun. Further details of the status of the work on the plan are given in the section below on the dean's vision and general strategies for achieving this vision.

In accordance with Illinois State University Policy & Procedures 3.2.15, information on the vision and goals of the college in relation to the overall vision and goals of the university is reported below:

#### 1. THE LINKAGE BETWEEN ANTICIPATED PROGRESS IN THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GOALS STATEMENTS

The 2012-17 COB Strategic Plan has four goals. The goals and strategies associated with each goal are stated below with the corresponding goals in Educating Illinois reported in parentheses

- 1. Prepare students to become skilled business professionals who can contribute positively to organizations and society.
  - a. Maintain high expectations for excellence in student performance and ethics (EdIL: G1, G2)
  - b. Develop a supportive and individualized educational experience (Edil: G1, G2)
  - c. Maintain a student body consisting of diverse, motivated individuals with high standards and high expectations (EdIL: G1)
  - d. Continue to provide an integrated and responsive curriculum (EdIL: G2)
  - e. Provide opportunities for students to pursue professional certification and seek graduate degrees (EdIL: G2)
- 2. Build a community of excellent scholars, teachers, and support staff
  - a. Employ an excellent faculty and staff who meet the needs of COB stakeholders (EdIL: G1, G2)
  - b. Provide state of the art facilities, technology, and technology support for students, faculty and staff. (EdlL: G2)
  - c. Provide professional and social opportunities that facilitate self-discovery and professional development (EdIL: G2)
- 3. Promote and Communicate our successes and our vision of excellence and national recognition.
  - a. Provide opportunities for the faculty to develop nationally recognized expertise (EdIL: G3)
  - b. Maintain AACSB International Accreditation for business and accounting (EdIL: G1, G2)
  - c. Continue developing an effective marketing communications strategy (EdIL: G3)
  - d. Encourage national and international recognition of the COB and individual programs (EdIL:G3)
- 4. Create and strengthen partnerships with alumni and business organizations
  - a. Continue existing and seek out new programs that strengthen partnerships (EdIL:G3)
  - b. Maintain existing and create new relationships with businesses and organizations that partner with the COB and hire our graduates (EdIL: G3)
  - c. Increase private financial support (EdIL: G3)
  - d. Maintain an active and vibrant COB Alumni network (EdIL: G3)

### 2. THE LINKAGE TO SIMILAR STATEMENTS FROM OTHER COLLEGES/MILNER LIBRARY IN THE UNIVERSITY WITH WHICH THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY EFFORTS OR EFFICIENCIES.

This linkage arises through the Educating Illinois Plan. Departments within the COB will continue to explore opportunities for interdisciplinary efforts with other colleges. Examples of interdisciplinary programs initiated by the college include the major in Risk Management and Insurance in collaboration with Actuarial Science, the major in Business Education in collaboration with the College of Education and a minor in Sustainability. The College will explore the possibility of stating a new Masters in Business Education degree program.

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#### 3. THE DEAN'S VISION OF THE COLLEGE'S FUTURE AS WELL AS GENERAL STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING THE VISION.

Preparation has begun for a new Strategic Plan for the College for 2017-2022. Input from the College of Business Advisory Council was requested at their meeting on October 25, 2016. A College of Business Strategic Planning Retreat was held on October 28, 2016. Breakout groups at the retreat provided input on college strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. Input from students was solicited at the College of Business Executive Committee meeting on November 30, 2016. A draft document on vision and goals was reviewed in December 2016 by members of the COB Coordinating Team.

In Spring 2017, a Strategic Planning Task Force will be formed and a faculty facilitator appointed. Further details of the strategic plan will be provided to Academic Affairs as the plan progresses. In general terms, the strategies to accomplish the goals of the plan are to invest in faculty development and transformational learning opportunities for students, both in the classroom and outside.

## 4. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE GOALS STATEMENTS.

As of November 2, 2016 (the most recent date for which data is available at the time of writing this report), since the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2016, the COB has raised \$ 1, 215, 926 in philanthropic gifts.

The priorities in fundraising for the college are

- a. Expanding student opportunities: Supporting student excellence through scholarships, internships, service learning opportunities, study abroad and entrepreneurship
- b. Attracting, retaining and developing high quality faculty with strengths in teaching and research
- c. Raising unrestricted funds which can be deployed to seize opportunities to support program excellence
- d. Reaching beyond campus boundaries to work with the community through our centers and institutes.
- e. Encouraging Interdisciplinary thinking by creating "Innovation and Collaboration spaces" within the college to develop new ideas for expanding markets. These would be experiential learning labs to promote innovative business concepts as well as accelerator programs for new businesses.
- f. Raising resources for a new Center for Professionalism and Career Development staffed with professionals to coordinate internships and industry connections, mentoring opportunities, and career counseling.

















































































