

Blueprint for Academic Excellence

Academic Affairs

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I. Vision, Mission and Goals

A. Executive Summary

Vision of Academic Affairs

That the University of South Carolina is recognized for academic excellence by all of its stakeholders.

Mission of Academic Affairs

The Provost is charged with overall leadership of academic affairs of the University, including curriculum development and establishment of academic standards in the schools and colleges. The Provost fosters support for the three-fold mission of the University: (1) providing students with the highest-quality education, including knowledge, skills and values necessary for success in a complex and changing world; (2) aggressive pursuit of research and scholarship, including artistic creation, in order to secure the reputation of USC as a leading modern research university; and (3) promoting productive engagement with our community, state, nation and the global community.

Goals

1. Systematically assess and improve academic program quality at all levels.
2. Expand the number of tenured, tenure-track and research faculty in strategically important areas and manage strategic replacement of exiting faculty to support the University's goals and missions.
3. Strengthen support of the arts and humanities to reflect the values of Carolina as a comprehensive university.
4. Enhance the undergraduate experience to better prepare students to thrive in an increasingly competitive global environment.
5. Refine and improve academic budgeting processes with respect to financial and facilities resources.
6. Increase strategically the global presence of the University in terms of teaching and research.
7. Enhance faculty development to assure the future success of the University of South Carolina as an academic leader.