

**Division of System Affairs and Extended University**  
**Blueprint for Quality Improvement**  
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**I. Vision, Mission and Goals**

**A. Executive Summary**

**Vision of System Affairs**

To deliver needed academic courses, degrees and services of the University of South Carolina to lifelong learners throughout the state of South Carolina utilizing the most effective and efficient means available.

**Mission of System Affairs**

The Vice Provost and Executive dean for System Affairs and Extended University provides leadership and focus for the teaching, scholarship, and service missions of the Regional Campuses of the University of South Carolina. The Vice Provost is also responsible for the division of Continuing Education including the evening program, the military program at Fort Jackson; noncredit activities, regional campus central financial aid, and Extended Campus, which includes the University Center in Greenville and the Lowcountry Graduate Center.

The University of South Carolina's Division of System Affairs and Extended University brings the intellectual resources and knowledge base of one of the south's top-ranked research universities into local communities throughout the state and beyond. Our commitment to outreach and engagement means developing and sustaining a meaningful and mutually beneficial collaboration with partners in education, business, government, and social services. USC Extended University programs assist individuals and organizations in becoming more competitive, improving their earning potential and enriching their lives.

**Goals:**

1. Improve teaching, research and scholarship opportunities for regional campus faculties
2. Develop collaborative partnerships with USC Columbia academic departments to extend one or more bachelor degree programs statewide via distance education and align Extended University more closely with departments to identify graduate courses/degree programs suitable for on-site or distance delivery

3. Promote the University to prospective academically accelerated students and their parents by introducing them to programs that accentuate Carolina's undergraduate programs and faculties
4. Enhance division-level support services to assist in: (a) increasing the adult undergraduate enrollment, (b) improving student services by unit, (c) increasing academic offerings by unit, and (d) providing academic management for nontraditional degrees