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Definition of Student Success

Students’ immersion in the Millersville experience awakens their intellectual curiosity, heightens their self-awareness, and sharpens their personal desire to engage in deep learning—empowering them to make productive contributions in our dynamic world.

Academic Affairs Mission Statement

Academic Affairs provides undergraduate and graduate programs of distinction, grounded in the liberal arts tradition, that prepare students to be lifelong learners, civically-engaged citizens, and productive professionals in a global and diverse society. Through a culture of openness, continuous improvement and reflective assessment, Academic Affairs enhances opportunities for students to grow intellectually, think critically, and develop leadership skills. Faculty, staff, students, and community members collaborate on professional, scholarly and creative works that contribute to the health of our institution, our community and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Academic Affairs Transitional Plan Goals

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Goal 3 AS A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS, INTENSIFY OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSE AND GLOBAL EXPERIENCES.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: TRANSFORM THE CURRICULUM, DELIVERY METHODS, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO RESPOND TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF A DYNAMIC SOCIETY

Objectives:

1. Demonstrate programmatic excellence through recognition for best-practices or via accreditation.
2. Respond to local, regional, national, and global workforce needs through ongoing curricular evolution including consideration of interdisciplinary programs.
3. Increase inter-institutional program collaboration.
4. Enhance flexibility within curricula and delivery to increase pathways to success.
5. Broadly implement research-based or innovative pedagogy focused on student learning.

GOAL 2: WITH A DEEP COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, ENHANCE OUR COLLABORATIVE, STUDENT-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT TO SUPPORT SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Objectives:

1. Serve the public good by expanding access to educational opportunities.
2. Enhance deep, engaging learning experiences for our students.
3. Develop a systematic and thorough understanding of the support needs of under-prepared or at-risk students and provide intrusive interventions.
4. Address the specific needs of our transfer students to ensure their success.
5. Address the specific needs of our graduate students and adult learner students.
6. Enhance Millersville’s educational opportunities delivered in urban centers.

GOAL 3: AS A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS, INTENSIFY OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSE AND GLOBAL EXPERIENCES.

Objectives:

1. Enhance the diversity of the students, faculty, and staff within our community.
2. Increase enrollment of international students.
3. Increase learning opportunities to interact with an increasingly diverse world.
4. Expand immersion experiences for students to connect cross-culturally and globally.
GOAL 4: INTEGRATE CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC GOOD.

Objectives:
1. Ensure that we live up to the promise of the Carnegie designation for community engagement through academic initiatives.
2. Increase participation and depth of experience in civic and community engagement for students and faculty.
3. Become the institution of choice for community partnerships with an expanded group of entities and over a greater geographic region.

GOAL 5: FOSTER A SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT

Objectives:
1. Expand student research and creative opportunities.
2. Cultivate an environment/culture that fosters the scholarship of teaching and learning.
3. Increase collaborative scholarship, research and grant writing.
4. Integrate the arts in education to foster an environment of creativity, innovation and problem solving.
5. Enrich the mission of the University through faculty scholarship and creativity.