

The University of Tennessee System Administration Strategic Plan, 2012-2017 Executive Summary

Part 1: Revised Mission Statements

University of Tennessee System

The University of Tennessee System, through its multiple campuses and institutes, serves the people of Tennessee and beyond through the discovery, communication and application of knowledge. The System is committed to providing undergraduate, graduate and professional education programs in a diverse learning environment that prepares students to be leaders in a global society. The UT System's delivery of education, discovery, outreach and public service contributes to the economic, social and environmental well-being of all Tennesseans.

University of Tennessee System Administration

The mission of the University of Tennessee System Administration is to advance the educational, discovery, creative and outreach programs of the campuses and institutes through leadership that removes obstacles, understands needs, provides advocacy, secures resources, promotes accountability, fosters diversity, promotes innovation, coordinates campus efforts and delivers efficient and effective central services.

Part 2: UT System Administration Strategic Goals, 2012-2017

(Each goal will have several initiatives and action items for implementation over the next 24 months. Many of the action items in Years 1-2 must occur before the other recommendations can take place in Years 3-5. Implementation teams appointed by the President and Chancellors will develop the operating plans to begin actualizing the Plan after July 1, 2012.)

Goal I [Enhancing Educational Excellence]: Increase the number, quality and diversity of students graduating from the UT System and benefiting from its distinct educational portfolio to produce at each campus and institute the most capable and best-prepared workforce for society.

Goal II [Expanding Research Capacities]: Develop support systems for System research efforts that solve critical problems and issues, expand economic development and enhance the quality of life in Tennessee, the nation and the world.

Goal III [Fostering Outreach and Engagement]: Engage members of the UT System community in outreach, engagement and service to improve communities and the quality of life of residents in Tennessee, with emphasis on economic development.

Goal IV [Ensuring Effectiveness & Efficiency]: Systematically invest in the UT System’s infrastructure and rigorously implement support mechanisms and practices that ensure the success of Strategic Plan aspirations and goals and effective and efficient delivery of services.

Goal V: [Advocating for the University of Tennessee]: Promote awareness and advocacy for the University of Tennessee System and its distinctive contributions to improving the education, economic development and quality of life of the citizens of Tennessee.

Part 3: Dashboard Framework

The Strategic Plan dashboard will track progress on each goal as well as “overall impact.” It will be interactive – by clicking on each dial, viewers can access drill-down lists that provide more detailed supporting data.

Dashboard

