

CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY TO THE TOP

Past Progress and Future Opportunities

Vol Vision 2020

A Preliminary Working Draft

Fall 2015



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE



Process

Today

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Milestone Strategic
Assessment
Feb – June 2015

Objective: Review.

- Milestone Review Committee appointed by the Provost - December 2014
- Faculty, staff, student representatives
- Strategic Assessment Working Draft (available online)

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Stakeholder
Engagement
Aug. – Dec. 2015

Objective: Listen

- Faculty, staff, student forums
- Deans, division heads, cabinets, councils, committees, groups, and individuals

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Vol
Vision 2020
Dec. 2015 – Feb. 2016

Objective: Develop Plan

- Vol Vision 2020
- Implementation guidance

Our Journey



Vol Vision 2015

Vol Vision 2020

Vol Vision 2025

Vol Vision 2030



“If we were hiking the Alum Cave Trail, we would not yet be at Arch Rock.”

*– Dean Steve Smith
Milestone Committee Chair*

Some of What We've Heard and Learned

- The Goal
 - Excellence
 - Continuous Improvement
- Distinctiveness
 - If we want to be best in class
 - What is our class?
 - What makes us distinct in our class?
- Greater Clarity
- “Where Do I Fit In?”

What Does “Top 25” Mean?

- Top 25 does NOT mean *US News & World Report*
- It also does NOT mean we are indifferent to *USN&WR*
- There are many ranking systems (and we love them all)...
 - Our aspirations are broader than a single ranking
 - No single ranking reflects who we are.



Five Years of Progress

- Evidence of progress across all five strategic priorities
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate
 - Research
 - Faculty/Staff
 - Resources and Infrastructure
- Our national peers are not standing still
 - In all areas we made progress
 - In one area we exceeded our 2010 goal
 - We narrowed gaps in most metrics



Strategic Priorities – Existing and “New-advanced” for 2020

Strategic Priority	Continue To..	“New-advanced” for 2020...
Undergraduate	Retain and Graduate	Experience Learning; Global Awareness
Graduate	Increase Graduate Degrees	Excellence and Student Success
Research	Increase Sponsored Research	Total Research Portfolio (Scholarship, Creative Activity, Engagement)

Strategic Priorities – Existing and “New-advanced” for 2020

Strategic Priority	Continue To..	“New-advanced” for 2020...
Faculty/Staff	Support Faculty & Staff Excellence	Workplace of Choice; Culture of Excellence
Resources/Infrastructure	Improve the Resource Base	Sustainable Resource Base for the Future; Pride in Campus
Diversity/Inclusion	Support Across All Priorities	New Strategic Priority

We Need Your Feedback...

- What have been the most important accomplishments over the past five years?
- How would you describe the Volunteer Difference (strengths, attributes)?
How can UT build on these strengths over the next five years?
- Where are the greatest opportunities for improvement over the next five years?