

# 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.







# 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?