

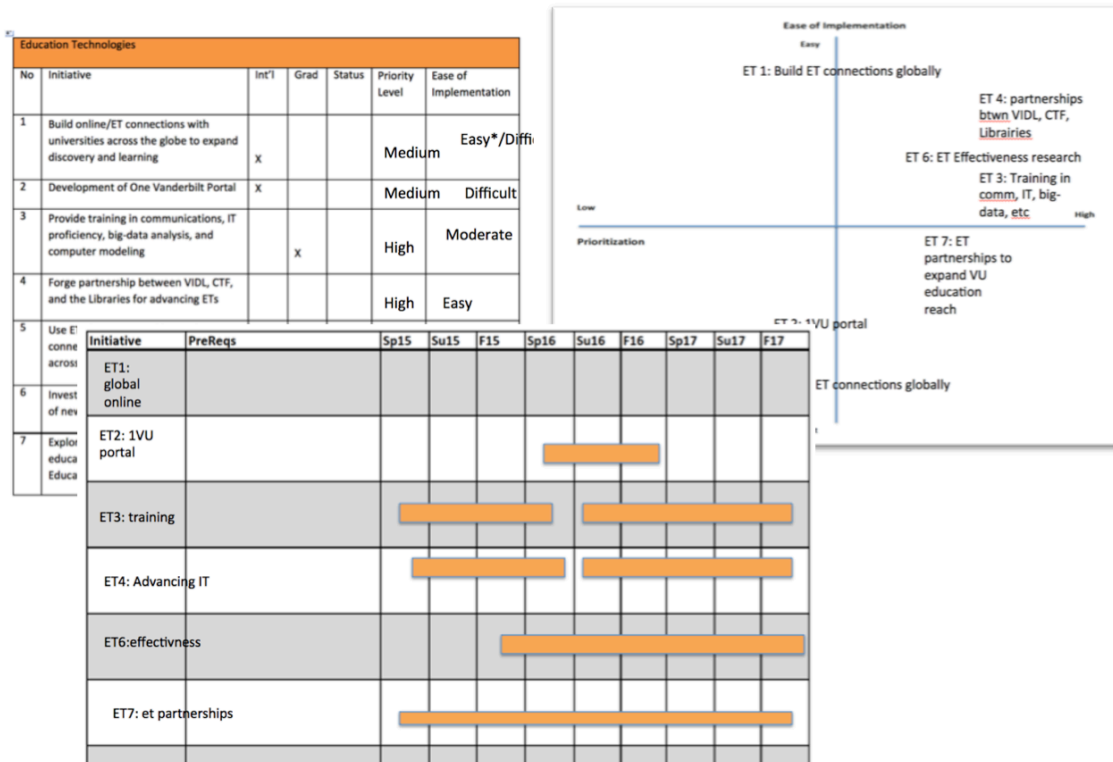
Academic Strategic Plan Progress Report

February 2015

Leadership Planning

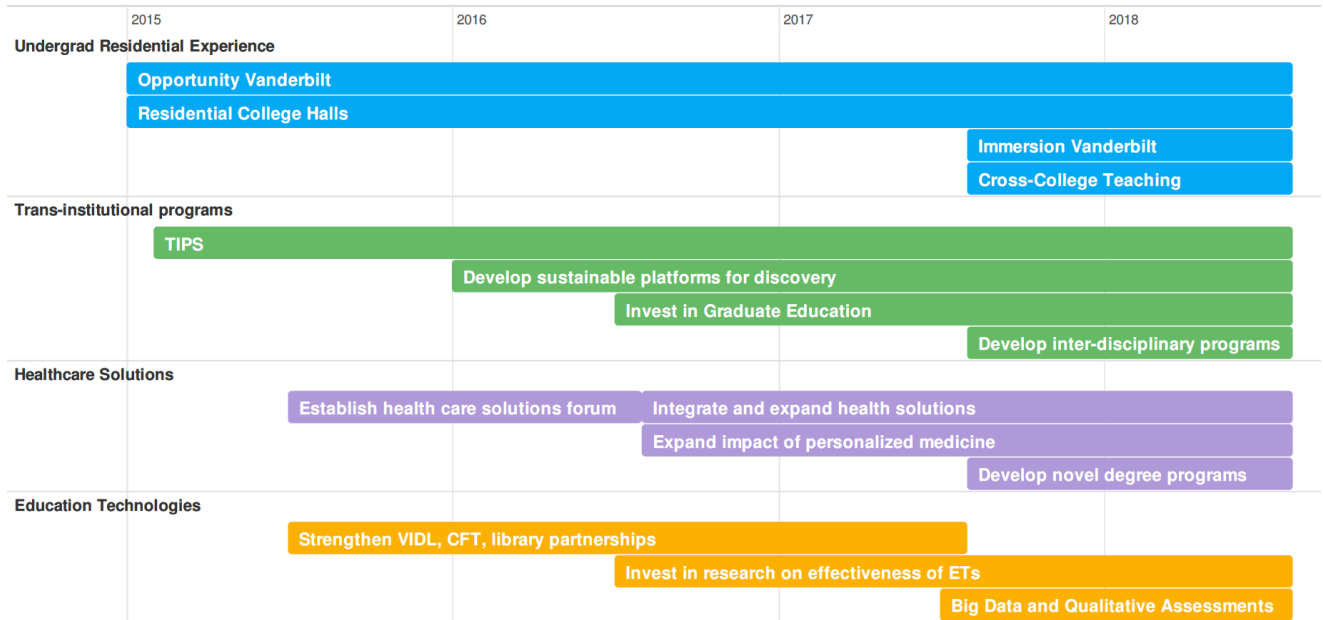
Faculty Retreat – February 3

- Goal was to develop 3-year roadmap to prioritize implementation of the plan's initiatives
- More than 40 faculty members attended.
- Faculty worked in groups divided by the four pillars of the plan – two groups per pillar – healthcare solutions, TIPS, undergraduate residential experience and education technologies. The "mirror" groups then joined to compare their assessments and to produce one final assessment
- The final assessment included an assigned priority level and a ranking on ease of implementation (see figure below).



Leadership Retreat Synthesis

- The leadership team synthesized the assessments provided by the faculty and developed a “swim lane” timeline. See figure below.
- The “lanes” below indicate initiative or program launch dates. Information gathering and infrastructure development would start in advance to ensure a successful launch.
- This chart will be put into a formal report with a narrative for presentation to Susan Wentz and Jeff Balser’s review by mid-March.



Undergraduate Residential Experience

Immersion

Meetings and Progress

- The [new video on Immersion](#) is featured on the undergraduate research website and the Provost homepage
- Talking points developed for Admissions and other stakeholders

Next Steps

- The Immersion Faculty Committee meeting was cancelled due to weather but will be rescheduled.

Cross College Teaching

Next Steps

- In the process of collecting data on how peer institutions pursue such teaching, which can not only provide valuable information but suggest areas of advantage for VU.

- Draft committee report to make recommendation about cross college teaching to the leadership at VU by end of April.

Trans-Institutional Programs

TIPS

Meetings and Progress

- The TIPS Review Panel co-chairs met and put together a plan to further refine the rubric and to beta test the assessment before assigning the proposals the full panels.
- The panels will use RedCAP to generate consistent assessments.
- Proposal evaluations will include a score on nine questions, a summary statement regarding funding suggestion, and a categorical assessment of strong, average or weak.
- The Review Panel's work will be complete by the end of March and sent to the Council for consideration

Next Steps

- The TIPS Council will review the panels' evaluations at the beginning of April.
- Final decisions will be made by the end of the spring semester with funding available in July 2015.

Chancellor's Faculty Fellows

Meetings and Progress

- The first cohort of Chancellor's Faculty Fellows was announced. The 15 fellows are:

○ Muktar Aliyu	○ Andrea Page-McCaw
○ Stella Flores	○ Kristopher Preacher
○ Scott Guelcher	○ Bernard Rousseau
○ Kelly Holley-Bockelmann	○ Sean Seymore
○ Peter Kolkay	○ Daniel Sharfstein
○ Borden Lacy	○ Rachel Teukolsky
○ Jens Meiler	○ Sharon Weiss
○ Bunmi Olatunji	

Next Steps

- Funding will begin July 2015.

Healthcare Solutions

Meetings and Progress

- Planning for the Ph.D. to M.D. program for Applied Physician-Scientists is underway. This will be an interdisciplinary M.D. program. Prof of Radiology & Radiological Sciences Reed Omary is leading the effort with an advisory board that includes Dean Fauchet and Owen Professor Larry Van Horn. The program is likely to serve as a model for novel programs that are aimed at creating the next generation of health leaders.

Next Steps

- The advisory committee is working on a proposal that can be presented to our Undergraduate Medical Education Committee and our Executive Faculty this spring.

Education Technologies

Meetings and Progress

- A broader group of campus leaders is reviewing the question of "in-sourcing vs outsourcing" for the development of for-credit degree programs, analyzing the question both from a budget and a logistical perspective. The February meeting was postponed due to weather.
- Feb 12 – Faculty Forum - The ET survey data results prompted the organization of a faculty forum on classroom technology focused around Peabody needs. VUIT (Jason Reusch) and the VP for Learning and Residential Affairs (Cynthia Cyrus) jointly sponsored the meeting, which brought together about 30 faculty who discussed particulars of classroom technology needs, process for classroom technology review and crisis management, and the recent VUIT reorganization.
- During February, VIDL met with VUIT and campus data mining researchers to plan a Coursera research database that will be secure and otherwise IRB compliant. This conversation overlaps with the strategic question of "hosting big data sets."
- Throughout February, Jody Combs and Cynthia Cyrus met with the entire library staff in small groups to charge them with identifying shifts in library practice to align more effectively with the strategic plan.

Next Steps

- The VIDL Blog will host a series of 10 posts during the rest of spring that give in-depth reviews of current faculty uptake of Educational Technology in our face-to-face classes. (This info stems from the fall survey of faculty.)
- Further work to identify actionable items is ongoing and should be in place by mid-February.
- Laureate's on-campus meeting was rescheduled for March 9th; several teams from SOM and GPC will meet with Laureate to identify the intersection between campus priorities and the support options Laureate provides.

Advisory Boards

Staff Advisory Board

Meetings and Progress

- The Staff Advisory Board submitted their statement of purpose to the leadership team. See attached document.
- Feb 11 the Board met to go over the 4 pillars initiative list that was discussed by participants at the February 3 faculty retreat. The SAB ranked each initiative as to priority level and ease of implementation and will share these results in the near future.
- Feb 18 the Board met with Vice Provost Cyrus to hear about her role in the ASP and to get a better understanding of the initiatives she is overseeing that are underway and how SAB can participate.

Next Steps

- The SAB initiative assessment will be given to the leadership team for consideration.

Undergraduate Student Advisory Board

- No activity in February

Graduate Student Advisory Board

- The Graduate Committee appointed by Provost Wentz will issue a report on Graduate Education by March 1st. As part of that process, they have been meeting weekly and have secured input from a graduate student advisory board that they appointed.

Professional Student Advisory Board

- The February meeting was postponed due to weather.

MyVU Stories

1. [Inaugural Chancellor Faculty Fellows Announced](#)
2. [New website aims to improve undergraduate research experience](#)
3. [Faculty develop Strategic Plan roadmap at retreat](#)