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OVERVIEW

FVSU’s 2020-2025 Strategic Plan will add value only if it is implemented and utilized—*if it becomes a blueprint and roadmap for action*. Implementation is a marathon and will last throughout the life of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. Implementation is typically the point where most plans fail because a clear plan for implementation is not developed, supported, or executed. To this end, FVSU’s implementation plan focuses on the following:

- Leadership and oversight of implementation by the President’s Office.
- Appointment/assignment of implementation leaders for each strategic priority.
- Support/resources provided by the Office of Institutional Planning Research & Effectiveness.
- Developing action plans in collaboration with functional units/departments primarily responsible for implementation.
- Identifying budget and resource needs.
- Campus-wide communication and coordination.
- Monitoring progress and reporting results.

Ensuring FVSU’s Strategic Plan is implemented will require the full support and cooperation of the entire University and regularly monitoring progress on goals and action items. A major decision point is designating the administrators, staff, and faculty who will have responsibility and accountability for implementation. At least annually, campus-wide feedback should be solicited to help assess the degree to which the plan is meeting expectations and the extent to which progress is being made. The implementation plan will be adjusted to adapt to changing conditions and circumstances and to ensure the plan is embedded in FVSU’s daily operations and becomes a tool that guides decision-making about priorities for resource allocation.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Implementation should be appropriately aligned with FVSU’s 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

- Organizing and implementing a dedicated structure for executing the implementation plan is essential to success.

- To have a lasting impact, implementation must be embedded in FVSU’s organizational routine at all organizational levels.

- Implementation must be highly visible, transparent, and inclusive to garner the necessary support and buy-in to ensure implementation is effective and successful.

Implementation should be viewed as an ongoing and continuous campus wide process.

- Full and complete implementation is an ongoing process that will require a commitment of time, effort, resources, and perseverance by the entire University.

- The success of implementation will hinge upon the effectiveness of an ongoing “Plan, Act, Do” and/or ROMA (Results Oriented Management and Accountability) execution cycle premised on the following criteria: value, appropriateness, feasibility, acceptability, cost-benefit.

- Implementation should be in harmony with ongoing University initiatives.

- Ultimately implementation should answer: What does success look like in 2025?

Implementation activities should be realistic and doable.

- Implementation activities should be practical and solution oriented.

- The first priority is determining what it will really take to achieve goals and strategies in terms of time, people, and resources.

- The second priority is determining the “Who, What, When, and How” in terms of the actions necessary to achieve goals and strategies.

- Implementation should be regularly monitored to avoid cutting trees in the wrong forest.

- Some aspects of implementation will be cost neutral and some will not be cost neutral. As such, informed decisions must be made about ROI or is the juice worth the squeeze?
STRUCTURE, ROLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

- Overall leadership and oversight of implementation.
- Final decision on strategies, actions that impact budget, other University resources, or FVSU’s reputation.
- Convene meetings on implementation progress.
- Campus-wide communication regarding implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION LEADERS

- Participate in implementation structure and implementation execution onboarding/orientation work sessions.
- Provide “ground level” leadership of the implementation process.
- Structure and organize teams or work groups to help develop action plans or work plans at the department, section, and unit level.
- Reporting and monitoring.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS

Work in conjunction with Implementation Leaders in developing action plans.

- Provide input and feedback on action plans or work plans.
- Provide a point of contact for Implementation Leaders.
- Put the structure and process in place to begin to plan, carry out, and monitor implementation.
- Provide honest input and feedback on implementation efforts.
- Provide support and coordination as needed.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP

Institutional Research, Instructional Technology, Information Technology, and Business & Finance. A staff from these offices will be embedded in each implementation group to provide ongoing support.

- Support the work of the Implementation Leaders in addressing strategic priorities, goals, and action plans developed by departments and organization units.
- Respond to requests for input, advice, and guidance that may impact one or more strategic priorities and the goals and action plans developed to address strategic priorities and goals.
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- Provide honest and candid feedback on opportunities, challenges, and limitations from a technical support perspective to inform the work of the Implementation Leaders and departments/organization units.

- The Office of Institutional Research Planning & Effectiveness will provide key support/resources, including data and information to facilitate the work of the implementation team, assist with maintaining a dashboard to track implementation progress.

- The Office of Business & Finance will work with the respective groups and assist in identifying budgetary needs.

- The Office of Information Technology and the Office of Instructional Technology will provide advice on technology needs and capability, in the case of the latter those advice will address technology for instructional (in classroom and distance learning) needs that conform with best practices.

MGT CONSULTING

- Prepare implementation plan.

- Plan, organize, and conduct implementation onboarding/orientation.

- Provide tools and templates to facilitate implementation.

- Provide the support necessary for the implementation structure to get up and running.

- Provide support and technical assistance to Implementation Leaders departments, sections, or units to develop action plans or work plans.

- Meet with the President to review progress.

KEY MILESTONES

- Presentation and overview of strategic plan at the 36th Administrative Conference.

- Appointment of implementation leaders.

- Initial implementation meeting with President Jones.

- Implementation plan development.

- Implementation plan onboarding.

- Action plan development.
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

IMPLEMENTATION LEADERS
Mr. Jesse Kane, VP Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (Chair)
Dr. Gregory Ford, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Felicia Jefferson, Associate Professor, Department of Biology
Dr. Jacques Surrency, Associate Professor, College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology
Ms. LaWanna Williams, Director, Center for Student Engagement
Ms. Kimberly Morris, Assistant Vice President Enrollment Management/Director of Financial Aid
Dr. Wallace Keese, Dean of Students
Mr. Lowe, SGA President (2020)
Dr. Celia Dodd, Director of Undergraduate Research and Associate Professor of Biology
Dr. Darryl Hancock, Director, Online Learning
Dr. Patcharin Marion, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Math and Computer Science

GOAL 1: Enhance and improve technological experiences of students by maintaining a physical and virtual campus that supports teaching, creative activities, and scholarship.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Enrollment growth
- Retention and graduation rates
- Student engagement and satisfaction
- Digitalized processes and campus-wide access points

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|   | Offer more enhanced methods to connect and challenge students through technology. | Assignments to be done by the Chair in consultation with the team | Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 2. | Develop more training sessions focused on technology for instructors as a method to enhance classroom engagement. |   | Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 3. | Implement a paperless process for documents that can be made paperless |   | Determine “as is status/situation”  
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4. Continue to implement key technological solutions to increase efficiencies and improve service to students (i.e. Call Center).

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5. Create an Online Student Services Self-Service Portal to allow for students to virtually complete tasks.

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6. Identify Wi-Fi dead spots so additional access points can be added to enhance networking connectivity throughout campus

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**7. Explore developing a systematic way of offering student access to Laptops, IPADS to enhance their academic experience.**

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**8. Increase the bandwidth of Wi-Fi across campus, particularly in academic spaces.**

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**9. Commit to improving campus infrastructure so that we are completely wireless by Fall 2022.**

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GOAL 2: Implement continuous improvement in customer service delivery to help improve student recruitment, retention, graduation, and student success.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS

- Enrollment growth
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| 2. Cross train faculty and staff on the different admission processes | [Details] | - Determine “as is status/situation”
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| 3. Develop an early warning mechanism to identify students who may be experiencing academic challenges before they fail a class. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 4. Ensure students are aware of the services on campus that can assist them academically. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 5. Require that all faculty and staff complete annual or bi-annual customer service training. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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**GOAL 3:** Engage all units of the University in streamlining communication that impact service delivery.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS**
- Enrollment growth
- Retention and graduation rates
- Student engagement and satisfaction
## Digitalized processes and campus-wide access points

### Campus-wide strategic communication/marketing plan

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4. **Install video message boards/digital displays throughout campus with daily events and FVSU news.**

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5. **Provide regular updates of accomplishments of students and/or faculty and staff to the campus community.**

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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### GOAL 4: Increase the number and diversity of students who graduate and are equipped to succeed and excel in a knowledge and service-based economy.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Enrollment growth
- Retention and graduation rates
- Student engagement and satisfaction
- Digitalized processes and campus-wide access points
- Placement in careers/graduate programs
- High-quality/cutting edge learning opportunities

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<td>Package and market distinctive academic programs and learning opportunities.</td>
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<td>Ensure every student achieves the outcomes of the LEAP initiative (Leadership, Engagement, Achievement and Professionalism).</td>
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IMPLEMENTATION LEADERS
Dr. Olufunke A. Fontenot, Interim Chief of Staff to the President (Chair)
Ms. Michelle Martin, VP Business and Finance
Ms. Tineke Battle, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Sharee Lawrence, Registrar
Dr. Regina Ivory Butts, Chair, Department of Business and Economics
Dr. Bobby Dickey, Professor, Visual and Performing Arts and Media Studies Academic Department
Dr. Berletha Pitts, Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and Professor, Languages and Liberal Studies Academic Department
Dr. Reddrick L. Chatmon, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences
Dr. Rayton Sianjina, Professor, College of Education
Dr. Dwayne Daniels, Professor and Chair, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Mathematics

GOAL 1: Engage all units of the University in the design and implementation of a University-wide strategic communication strategy.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
Appointment of Communication Success Team
Improvements in mission-critical communication
Improvements in customer satisfaction
Implementation/execution of best practices

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2. Create an information flow chart displaying communication dissemination throughout the University and responsibility for communication dissemination: Office of the President; Office of Academic Affairs; Office of Student Affairs; Office of Business and Finance; Office of Institutional Advancement; Office of Institutional Research; Human Resources; Athletics; Marketing and Communication; Colleges; Deans; Departments, etc.

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3. Identify the types of communication and timeframes considered to be mission-critical across all offices.

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4. Assess the quality of communication provided to internal and external stakeholders to determine the clarity and whether the desired outcome(s) was/were achieved.

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5. **Upgrade the delivery of mission-critical communication to internal and external stakeholders.** Consider using the University website to showcase message portals from major University offices: President’s Corner, Provost’s Corner, Dean’s Corner, etc.

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6. **Collaborate with other organizational excellence team members/groups: operational excellence and customer service to ensure the University websites stays current and relevant to mission-critical information.**

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7. **Upgrade the delivery systems to include videoconferencing/teleconferencing, webinars, video updates, links to blogs and social media, and chat capabilities to mirror communication expectations for the 21st century.**

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| 8. Measure success/effectiveness using one or more of the following methods: the collection of benchmark data to assess the current state of the University communication process(es); document incremental evidence of improvements made by using rubrics, surveys, focus groups, interviews, etc.; make data-driven changes and or adjustments within the strategic communication strategy to ensure optimal productivity across all of the mission-critical communication provided to both internal and external stakeholders. | Determine “as is status/situation”  
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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**GOAL 2:** Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of University operations through a systematic and ongoing process of planning, assessment, and review.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS**
- Campus-wide operating processes and procedures
- Operational excellence plan that identify competencies at all levels
- Performance evaluation tools aligned with operations excellence
- Operations oriented professional development/growth opportunities
- Campus climate survey results

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| 2. Require every college division to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) to include primary processes and procedures for that area. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”
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3. Implement an “Operational Excellence Plan” that offers all employees organized professional learning to be provided throughout the year including new employee orientation, work-life balance/wellness, exceptional customer service, conflict resolution, interpreting and understanding institution guidelines and policies, manager/supervisor sessions, effective use of business systems/software, lecture series, and executive roundtable sessions.

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4. Require professional training for all employees related to their job responsibilities on a continuous basis. Develop and implement a tool to measure the success of the operational excellence plan.

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5. Develop an effective performance management process including an evaluation that identifies three university-wide competencies that are critical to the institution, two college/division competencies that are critical to the college/division, two departmental competencies that are critical to the

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| 6. Develop corrective action plans within 60 days of adverse audit or monitoring findings. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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GOAL 3: Create and sustain a University-wide customer-centric culture to support operations excellence.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Appointment of Customer Satisfaction/Customer Advocacy Team
- Improvements in internal and external customer service
- Professional development/growth opportunities

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| 1. Staff a Customer Service and Customer Advocacy Center to receive the bulk of the incoming calls for the University to address the fact that over 80 percent of respondents to the SWOT survey identified customer service as a major weakness or threat and a major opportunity for improvement. | | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 2. Develop several tiers of customer service support: Tier 1 Customer Service Team; Tier 2 Designated Representatives from mission-critical offices/departments/divisions in the University; Tier 3 All University employees. | | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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6. Ensure employees who work directly with students “understand the needs of different student personas.”

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7. Create and distribute products and materials that lend themselves to quick problem-solving capabilities; timeliness of responses to inquiries; and access to electronic frequently asked questions (FAQ).

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8. Conduct appropriate training with staff and faculty to improve customer service skills. Such training could occur annually during Faculty/Staff Institute; within each major office and college; within each department/division/program; and individually, if warranted.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTITY

IMPLEMENTATION LEADERS
Dr. Anthony Holloman, VP Advancement (Chair)
Director of Marketing (to be named)
Dr. Meigan Fields, Associate Professor, Behavioral and Social Sciences
Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim, College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology
Chief Anita Allen, Chief of Police
Mr. RJ Mathis, Assistant to the President and Director of Special Events
Dr. Tamara Payne, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning and Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences
Dr. Washella Simmons, Associate Professor, Languages and Liberal Studies Academic Department
Dr. Frederick McLaughlin, Professor and Program Coordinator, Biology
Dr. Michelle Drew, Faculty Senate Secretary and Business Administration and Economics Academic Department

GOAL 1: Systematically promote FVSU’s outstanding contributions and its role as a critical resource and valuable education and economic partner.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
Enrollment growth
Increased alumni support and alumni giving
Increased awareness/knowledge of FVSU
Positive mentions in media

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5. Upgrade FVSU’s website design and content, the release of information, and the way the website showcases FVSU.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTITY

GOAL 2: Improve the FVSU experiences for constituents (alumni, current students, potential students, faculty, staff, and community partners).

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Enrollment growth
- Satisfaction survey results
- Retention and graduation rates
- Increase in alumni giving

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| 2. Expose students to more collegiate experiences (academic conferences, athletic competitions, and faculty-student interactions). | | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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3. Develop and execute multi-methods to bring the community back to the campus, whether through ongoing lecture series, conferences, or academic and social events.

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4. Engage alumni in a way that keeps them informed and makes them feel a part of the University more regularly and not just for homecoming.

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5. Increase the attendance at FVSU events, including academic presentations and social and sporting events.

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| 6. Strengthen strategic relationships with potential donors, supporters, and friends of FVSU. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTITY

GOAL 3: Foster an environment of trust and collaboration by promoting transparency and effective communication.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Climate and satisfaction survey results
- Advocacy across local, state, and national audiences
- Graduating students survey results

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| 2. Ensure key factors influencing the perception of FVSU’s identity are accurate and timely information. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”
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3. Improve FVSU’s image by challenging students, faculty, staff, and alumni to identify ways to positively represent the University.

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4. Showcase FVSU faculty, alumni, and students by way of its website, social media, newsletter, news reports, and other means of communication.

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5. Provide regular and timely information about FVSU and its affairs on its website and through a distribution of information from the University.

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Dr. Govind Kannan, Vice President for Economic Development and Land-Grant Affairs (Chair)
Ms. Emma Bennett-Williams, Director of Legal and Government Affairs
Mr. Brou Kouakou, Director of International Agriculture & Coordinator, Georgia Small Ruminant Research and Extension Center (GSRREC), College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology
Dr. Ramon Stuart, Provost and VP, Academic Affairs
Ms. Danyelle Barry, Director, Title III
Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies
Dean Ralph Noble, College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology
Jessica Jefferson, Assistant Professor, College of Education

GOAL 1: Enhance research and outreach programs in agricultural and natural resources, engineering technology, and youth, family, and community development to effectively address global food security and rural health and economic challenges.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
Results of research and outreach programs
Number of research and outreach programs partnerships

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| 1. Develop new research and outreach programs across Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Engineering Technology, Veterinary Sciences and Public Health, and 4-H and Community Development, to effectively address local, state, and national needs by securing external funding from USDA, DoD, NSF, DoE, and industry. | Assignments to be done by the Chair in consultation with the team | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”
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5. Establish a webpage to list all student research and internship opportunities both on- and off-campus, as well as state and national legislative internship/fellowship opportunities and actively encourage students to apply. Encourage students to apply for state and national legislative fellowships and internships.

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6. Engage business and industry representatives in reviewing and revising curriculums.

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7. Create a political science-centered experiential learning program with local/regional community partners.

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GOAL 2: Develop infrastructure and programs to encourage creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship in students, faculty, and community members that result in creation of sustainable small businesses and development of regional economy.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Increase in the number of innovation and entrepreneurship programs
- Internship and community engagement opportunities
- Business and community partners survey results
- Faculty/student engagement in innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities

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| 2. Develop and implement mutually beneficial partnerships for innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 3. | Fully maximize the resources and networks of the FVSU Business and Industry Cluster. | - Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 4. | Establish a sustained and comprehensive entrepreneurship-based program to engage faculty, staff, and students. | - Determine “as is status/situation”  
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| 5. | Build new, and enhance existing, economic partnerships to enhance innovation, community economic development, and entrepreneurship. | - Determine “as is status/situation”  
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**GOAL 3:** Align academic, research, and outreach service programs to better address the needs of business/industry groups and federal/state agencies and prepare students with marketable knowledge, skills, and experience.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS**
- Industry job placements
- Curriculum revisions
- Market driven curriculum development
- Curriculum alignment with business/industry

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| 2. Implement curriculum development, curriculum revisions, and program improvements through consistent use of assessment and “best practices” educational research. | ▪ Determine “as is status/situation”  
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### 3. Recruit, recognize, and retain exceptional faculty who have demonstrated tangible success in their field of study.

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### 4. Institutionalize the practice of continuous learning and professional development of students, faculty, and staff.

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GOAL 4: Build mutually beneficial, diverse partnerships with community groups, K-12 schools, technical colleges, universities, veterans’ organizations, government agencies, NGOs, and industry by effectively leveraging FVSU’s strengths with an objective of providing better service to our stakeholders.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Number of new programs
- Best practices driven curriculum revisions and program improvements
- New course alignment with business/industry needs

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

GOAL 5: Strengthen relationships with US and Georgia legislators by engaging our elected leaders, and amplify our outreach activities by educating the communities we serve on government and legislative issues that may impact their lives.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / INDICATORS
- Increased engagement with policy makers
- Recurring revenue for operations and capital improvements
- Funding for programs and facilities

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