



Goal One

**Global
Strategic
Partnerships**

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Establish and ensure an interdisciplinary University focus that mandates overall high quality and continued competitiveness and effective involvement of global strategic partners in the marketing and delivery of programs and operations.

Strategies

- Evaluate the internal goals and objectives of the University.
- Benchmark models of interdisciplinary education to assess overall quality.
- Develop an operational model to transform the University to an interdisciplinary paradigm with a global focus.
- Support interdisciplinary initiatives, and
- Establish mechanisms to describe and promote the new operational model to University stakeholders.

Activities

- By November 2001, the FUTURES Planning and Resource Council will begin the conversion of the University from a traditional model of higher education to one that incorporates an emphasis on interdisciplinary programs by appointing two taskforces.

The first taskforce will:

- A. Define "interdisciplinary" for the University by identifying the Best Practices of universities, government, and industry as they relate to interdisciplinary and cross-functional tasks.
- B. Create a globally focused interdisciplinary model for the University involving strategic partnerships.

The second taskforce will:

- A. Develop a strategy to present the interdisciplinary model to University stakeholders in a manner that will garner University and public acceptance and support.
- B. Create a marketing program to brand the University's interdisciplinary initiative.

Expected Outcome

The development of an interdisciplinary model for educational program delivery that adds value to the University and is supported by internal and external stakeholders.

