

Strategic Plan

Passion

Transforming lives and society through learning, discovery and engagement for the public good

Resource Driver/Economic Engine

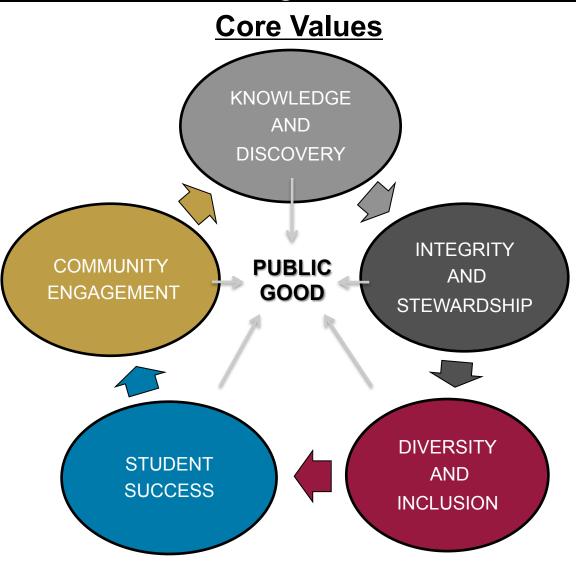
Tuition, state and federal funding, philanthropy, funded research, alumni, advocates, reputation, partnerships, volunteers and auxiliaries

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Mission Statement

As a state-supported institution of higher education, Oakland University has a three-fold mission. It offers instructional programs of high quality in a diverse and inclusive environment that lead to degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels as well as programs in continuing education; it advances knowledge and promotes the arts, through research, scholarship, and creative activity; and it renders significant public service. In all its activities, the university strives to exemplify educational leadership.

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Strengths

- Accredited and nationally ranked academic programs
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Commitment to teaching, learning and discovery
- Cultural offerings
- High quality, committed faculty and staff
- Location and campus setting
- Stable leadership
- Successful graduates

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Weaknesses

- Lack of a consistent image/identity or an OU brand
- Inflexible cultures
- Resource constraints
- Student retention and graduation
- Leadership-authority, responsibility and accountability

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Opportunities

- Collaboration/alliances/partnerships
- Compete for extramural funding
- Deliver a curriculum using high impact practices
- Develop and leverage distinctive cross-disciplinary programs
- Increase fundraising
- Increase diversity of university community
- Increase retention and graduation
- Institute alternative delivery system
- Serving the needs of Detroit and other urban areas
- Location, location
- National recognition for selected programs
- Out of classroom educational experiences
- Brand OU
- Building a new or effective town-gown relationship

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Threats

- Alternative delivery methods
- Demographics
- Destructive competition
- Economic fluctuation
- Environmental threats
- Federal and state regulations and requirements
- Higher education funding
- Potential for a domino impact, or fallout from Detroit's inner challenges
- Public trust and perception
- Rapid rate of technology change
- The change in the nature of business in SE Michigan
- Lack of a sturdy image/identity
- Faculty and student engagement
- Decline in federal research funding
- Higher Ed restructuring

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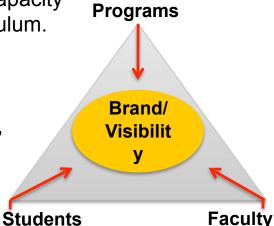
Vision Statement

Building on our legacy of academic excellence, Oakland University will be recognized for leveraging university and community assets to create distinctive faculty/student experiences.

Environmental Scanning – Situation Analysis

Institutional Priority 1: Create Productive Student and Faculty Experiences

- Students focus on education quality and support services
 - Gauge student success in measurable categories such as enrollment, retention, graduation rate, and placement
 - Increase services that support student academic achievement
- Program focus on program quality, delivery and distinction
 - Offer high quality academic programs centered on student success
 - Encourage innovation in curriculum and use of high impact educational practices to achieve the best student learning outcomes
 - Commit resources to those academic programs that have the capacity to achieve distinction while maintaining a comprehensive curriculum.
- Faculty focus on recognition and support
 - Promote and reward excellence in teaching and learning
 - Facilitate faculty development, research, scholarship, discovery, creativity, and engagement
- Brand/Visibility focus on getting the word out about our successes
 - Demonstrate the quality of an OU education through student and faculty success



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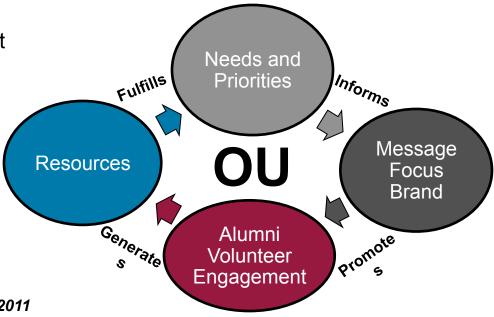
Key Goals And Action Steps

Institutional Priority 2: Engage OU and Community Resources for public good

- Engage OU-Community resources for public good
 - Create an OU Portal Window to connect OU and Community
 - Use the OU Portal and connect
 - OU to Community to enhance faculty-student experiences (research and experiential learning) that help public needs

 Community to OU to get faculty, students and staff engaged in activities that help public needs

Enhance OU interactions with government



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