

- II. Prepare Students for Leadership in the Knowledge Economy and Global Society.
- III. Enhance the Intellectual and Economic Capital of Kentucky through Growth in Research.
This is a statement about the research mission.
- IV. Embrace and Nurture Diversity.
- V. Engage Kentuckians through Partnerships to Elevate Quality of Life. This is a statement about the land-grant mission.

2006-2009 Strategic Plan – Measures Across Six Domains

Undergraduate Education

Graduate and Professional Education

Faculty Development

Research

Engagement

Staff Development

Undergraduate Education/Highlights

Two universities have made statements that they will not be considering standardized tests as a part of their admission requirements. This is a trend that is likely to increase. More and more universities are getting away from standardized tests as a necessary requirement for even completing an application. The high school GPA and the rigor of courses taken during high school are better indicators of success in college than the standardized tests with the exception of the very low end. There are a lot of different things going on that will affect the ACT/SAT measure. During the next five-year plan, standardized tests may need to be reconsidered. The high school GPA is a measure that is here to stay, and it is a good indicator of success.

The university is closing the gap on the six-year graduation rate for African American students. It is 50.3 percent, which is the highest percentage ever.

The university is putting a lot of focus on advising, especially in the first two years. Tutoring has been increased, and an academic alert system has been put in place, using customer relation management types of software and intervening at the very early stages. There is now a hands-on approach in terms of how students progress in the system.

The university study of general education revision is on track. The University Senate passed guidelines on design principles, and there are faculty teams working this summer to develop particular plans that will be presented to the faculty for discussion at full length in the fall semester.

There has been a drop in transfer students. The staff is working on a plan for a dual admission system for Bluegrass Community and Technical College students, and they hope to unveil the plan in the fall.

Graduate/Professional Education and Highlights

There is good news about graduate and professional education. The number of doctorates and professional doctorates awarded has increased from 634 to 653. The goal is 694. Likewise,