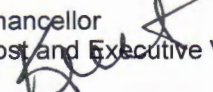




MEMORANDUM TO: Jim Drallmeier, K. Krishnamurthy, Sajal Das, Bih-Ru Lea, Joel Burken, Robert Landers, Kate Drowne, Irina Ivliyeva, Larry Gragg, Nancy Stone, Dan Waddill, Matt O'Keefe, Daryl Beetner, Robert Landers, Curt Elmore, Melanie Mormile, Samuel Frimpong, Michael Davis, Beth Cudney, Joseph Smith, Yinfa Ma, V.A. Samaranayake

DATE: October 8, 2013

FROM: Dr. Cheryl B. Schrader, Chancellor
Dr. Warren K. Wray, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs 

RE: Best-in-Class Strategic Areas for Investment Committee

We are appointing you to serve on the above referenced committee to be co-chaired by Drs. Jim Drallmeier and K. Krishnamurthy to identify four best-in-class (BIC) strategic areas for investment noted in Action 2.1.1, "Identify two BIC areas for investment and initiate discussion another two BIC areas," and Action 2.1.7, "Finalize third and fourth BIC areas for investment next year" in our new Missouri S&T Strategic Plan, "Rising to the Challenge 2013-2020." Specifically, the charge to the Committee is:

1. Review the Findings of the 2009-10 Task Force on Student Educational Capacity, 2010 Blue Sky Task Force Combined Report, Recommendations of the 2011-12 Task Force on Research Capacity, current 21st Century Grand Challenges, and other internal and external documents as deemed appropriate.
2. Develop a process to solicit and prioritize input/proposals from faculty, departments and research centers.
3. Create an internal website and hold open forums for receiving and disseminating information.
4. Identify candidate strategic areas based on input received and committee's efforts.
5. Recommend six - eight BIC strategic areas from which four will be chosen, rationale for the areas recommended and how they align with our new Strategic Plan.

We ask that a Report – Part I summarizing your findings and recommendations for three - four areas be submitted to us by December 23, 2013 and Report – Part II for three - four more areas by March 24, 2014. We will meet with you to discuss the recommendations made and provide feedback.

Thank you for your help with this important task.

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