LEWIS COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES
STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

1. Growth and development of the student body
Lewis College undertook a focused effort to develop 5 new degree offerings and the revision of 1 degree program all aimed at broadening our profile as a university to embrace a more diverse set of disciplines, majors, and diverse thought. One more program is in the planning and approval stage. Goals include:

– Complete approval of degree program in applied analytics
– Recruit new students to the degree programs as follows:
  • 6 in each program fall 2014 (N=30)
  • Increase this base by 2 per year per program to achieve an entering class of 70 by 2018
  • Work closely with admission and M&C to achieve these goals as reflected by monthly meetings, development of new recruitment materials and methods
– Revise and refresh advising of undergraduates within the college
  • Committee to address the matter of advising by fall 2014
  • Charge committee with completion of the first draft of an advising program by close of fall 2015
– Develop an ITP for undecided students to support retention and student success
  • Track the outcomes and academic paths of these ITP students
– Continue to develop and deliver the Kedge Program
  • Identify methods to track success of this program and its students

2. Promotion of innovative thinking and excellence throughout the university
– Lead on pedagogy and teaching methods
  • Establish this as a college goal publically every semester
  • Convene faculty discussions to share methods every semester
  • Establish a faculty committee to promote teaching excellence and set a goal for that group to develop an overall plan that is systematic and ongoing; develop plan by spring 2015 and implement by end of fall 2015
  • Re-evaluate this effort every year beginning in 2015
– Articulate the social networks initiative
  • Invite new faculty to participate each year
  • Hold monthly meetings to share research efforts
  • Award 1-2 seed opportunities in competitive proposal process
  • Host interdisciplinary conference on SNW

3. Elevation of IIT’s visibility and reputation
– Increase the research and scholarship profile of the college
  • Hire a grants liaison for the college (completed)
  • Establish a faculty committee to expand the grants and research activities (in progress)
  • Systematically announce faculty accomplishments in national and international venues
– Focus on branding the Lewis College; launch events
4. Enhancement of IIT’s facilities, infrastructure, and environments
   – Work on integrated space plan for the college
     • Applying learnings from recent renovation
     • Continue cost containment to maximize dollars
     • Build community

5. Development of resources to enable progress
   – Build Board of Overseers
     • Two new board members added; identify additional members to achieve a board of 16 by 2017
     • Rotate inactive members off BOO
   – Continue work with IA on Fueling Innovation Campaign
   – Build alumni base

6. Strengthening of all IIT’s colleges and schools
   – Partner with other colleges to develop synergies
     • Support Stuart School Ph.D. in management
     • Health initiatives with Armour and others (IFSH)
   – Retain excellence in CSEP and recruit new director who can build a robust interface across the disciplines
   – Recruit the philosophy chair (2015) with intention of bridging and building strength
   – Develop communications and writing in potential partnership with efforts to build a better understanding of culture, international relations, study abroad, etc.
   – Maintain national rankings