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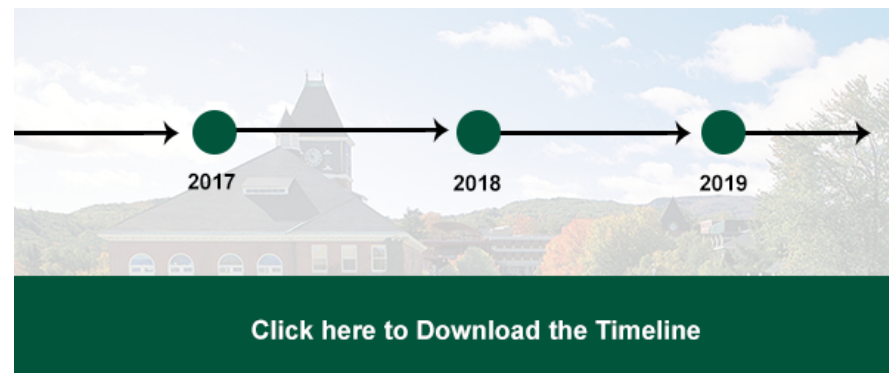
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This timeline is subject to change.

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December 14, 2015: PSU Legislators Brunch

President Birx presented the PSU vision statement and integrated clusters and open labs initiative to the legislators. Students who participated in the 10,000 Steps project were engaged as an example of an interdisciplinary experience that might take place in an open lab.President Birx shared the initial names of the seven clusters, increased from the original six.

President Birx explains in an e-mail to all faculty on January 10, 2016, that he chose to use Tourism, Environment, and Sustainability as the working title for what was "Future Environments" because he wanted to ensure that tourism remained a part of the cluster and because it was difficult to talk to those outside the university about "future environments."

December 14-16, 2015: Themed Discussions for Faculty and Staff

A series of six campus conversations, one focused on each of the six integrated cluster theme ideas generated from the faculty surveys. Two sessions were held each evening for three consecutive evenings in December. Members of the Cluster Communications Committee took notes at each session and provided a synopsis about the cluster discussion to be used in developing the conceptual definition of each cluster. Supporting Documents:

- Dec 14 Digital Arts and Technology Conversation Notes

- Dec 15 Health and Human Enrichment Conversation Notes

- Dec 16 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conversation Notes

- Dec 16 Future Environments and Tourism Conversation Notes

- Feedback Health and Human Enrichment

- Feedback Justice and Security

- Feedback Future Environments

- Feedback Innovation and Entrepreneurship

December 7-16, 2015: OS and PAT Surveys

These surveys assessed PAT and OS staff connection with cluster themes and collected additional ideas about cluster themes and staff integration. (Responses were received from 59 PAT and 35 OS). Results revealed some concern about how changes would take place and how staff would be integrated into the clusters. Responses were analyzed by the deans and used by the steering committee to help shape the campus conversations to be held during December and January.

December 1, 2015: Steering Committee Meetings Set

Meetings were set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Committee agendas and minutes are available on the Notes page.

December 2015: Provost's Report on Initiative

Update on clusters and announcement of membership in the steering, communications, and partnership committees.

Supporting Documents:

- Provosts Monthly Report December

November 30, 2015: Campus Finance Forum

An update on the financial strength of the University. President Birx briefly mentioned clusters and reminded us of the new strategic direction. The vision statement that was first proposed at the Summer Retreat, revisited during University Day, and revised by PSU leadership, was shared.

November 24, 2015: Steering Committee Established

Initial cluster steering committee meeting. The provost and deans sit on the committee. Additional members were appointed due to expressed interest and/or nomination. The committee is made up of faculty, staff, and students. Committee member names and contact information is available on the Campus Contacts page.

Supporting Documents:

- Steering Committee Agenda 11 24

November 6, 2015: PAT Senate Meeting

Provost and deans present on clusters at PAT Senate meeting.

Supporting Documents:

- Draft PAT Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2015: OS Senate Meeting

Provost and deans present on clusters at the OS Senate meeting.

Supporting Documents:

- Draft OS Meeting Minutes

October 9-16, 2015: Faculty Survey

This survey assessed faculty connection with the cluster themes that had been developing through various sessions and collected additional ideas about cluster themes and projects. This survey was piloted in late September (11 faculty responded). Responses to the survey suggested the proposed cluster themes were mostly resonating with faculty. (110 faculty responded) Responses were analyzed by the deans by mapping common elements across survey responses and shared in the November 2015 Provost's Report.

Supporting Documents:

- Cluster Survey Meeting Report

- Faculty Interest

- Q6 Survey

- Q9 Survey

- Q12 Survey

October 1, 2, 5 & 8, 2015: Faculty Forums

Two-part series of faculty forums hosted by the provost and deans. Part one of the series was explored the purpose, timeline, cluster themes, and cluster planning. Part two built upon themes that had come out of the Summer Retreat and University Day to further understanding.

Supporting Documents:

- Cluster Conversation from Julie

- Clusters Strategic Discussion Presentation

- Strategic Discussions Document 1

- Strategic Discussions Document 2

- Strategic Discussions Document 3

September 30, 2015: CoBA Faculty Forum on Clusters

Members of the CoBA faculty hosted a one-hour session to share project ideas that might spur connections and further understanding of clusters.

Supporting Documents:

- Notes on CoBA Cluster Forum

September 23, 2015: CoBA Strategy Forum

Members of the CoBA faculty hosted a one-hour session to share ideas about how to further engage with clusters. Conversations were open to the campus community, but were primarily attended by CoBA faculty.

Supporting Documents:

- Getting Ready for Cluster Conversations

August 25, 2015: University Day

Coming out of the Chairs Retreat, it became clear that what had typically been called Faculty Day (as this marks their annual return to campus), should be renamed to intentionally include the entire University community. Afternoon breakout sessions for faculty and staff expanded the brainstorming around clusters and open labs.

Supporting Documents:

- University Day Schedule

August 19 and 20, 2015: Council of Chairs Fall Retreat

Discussions of integrated clusters and open labs.

Supporting Documents:

- Chairs Retreat Agenda

July 15-16, 2015: Summer Retreat

President Birx brought together 40 members of the University community for a two-day retreat to do some initial brainstorming around clusters, open labs, and the university vision statement. Faculty, staff (PAT and OS), administrators, and students participated in the discussion.

Supporting Documents:

- Retreat Agenda

- Retreat Notes

- Immersion Breakout Notes

- Retreat Talking Points for Attendees

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