The Higher Learning Commission Action Project Directory

University of St. Francis: Quantify USF’s current partnerships and resources expended to maintain them

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Timeline

- Planned Project Kickoff: 01-29-2010
- Target Completion: 08-31-2010
- Updated
- Reviewed
- Created: 02-22-2010
- Last Modified: 03-02-2010

1: Describe this Action Project’s goal in 100 words or fewer:

A: The goal is to compile a list of current partnerships in the areas of community partnerships (service, sponsorship, business) and academic partnerships. The quantification will include a listing of partnerships and the direct and/or indirect costs associated with the partnerships. This quantification will create a foundation from which to establish the means to maximize USF resources and our ability to serve the community.

2: Describe briefly your institution's reasons for taking on this Action Project now -- why the project and its goals are high among your current priorities:

A: It is imperative for the University to capitalize on its current partnerships in the areas of grant opportunities, revenue streams, recruiting, development and more. In addition, it is important to maximize our resources in the most efficient manner possible.

3: List the organizational areas -- institutional departments, programs, divisions, or units -- most affected by or involved in this Action Project:

A: Admissions, Solutions, REAL, Career Development, Center for Innovation, Athletics, University Relations (marketing, alumni relations, public relations) and Academic units.

4: Name and describe briefly the key organizational process(es) that you expect this Action Project to change or improve:

A: This project will be the first step to improve the process of generating new partnerships and enhancing current partnerships. By understanding our current relationships, we will be able to build a plan to maximize resources for new relationships. Partnerships enhance the University’s ability to combine resources both internally and externally to create shared perspective with community constituents, to increase USF’s image and to provide visibility and connection to the community. In turn, partnerships offer the opportunity for increased recruitment efforts, revenue streams, grant initiatives, student career connections, internal collaboration and public relations exposure. In addition to the benefits for the University, outreach, service and leadership are key components of the University’s mission. Through partnering relationships, the University is able to fulfill its mission and purpose to provide community wide connections that benefit children, families, businesses, public, private and nonprofit entities in the local area. These benefits include: joint grant opportunities, shared
resources, connectivity of non-profit social services and youth programming and enrichment.

5: **Explain the rationale for the length of time planned for this Action Project (from kickoff to target completion):**

   **A:** The timeline will utilize Spring and Summer term schedules to complete the bulk of the data collection.

6: **Describe how you plan to monitor how successfully your efforts on this Action Project are progressing:**

   **A:** After the initial listing of partnerships is accomplished, the list will be updated and reviewed annually. The data will be initiated from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and monitored by the USF Business Solutions office.

7: **Describe the overall "outcome" measures or indicators that will tell you whether this Action Project has been a success or failure in achieving its goals:**

   **A:** The outcome will be an excel spreadsheet listing of information including the type of partnerships, partner organizations, USF contacts, USF departmental and/or individual involvement, connectivity to mission AND direct and/or indirect costs to the University.