

## **RSU 2016-2021 Strategic Plan Implementation Template**

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACADEMICS

#### Mission

Our mission at Rogers State University is to ensure students develop the skills and knowledge required to achieve professional and personal goals in dynamic local and global communities.

Our commitments, which support the RSU mission, are as follows:

- To provide quality associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree opportunities and educational experiences which foster student excellence in oral and written communications, scientific reasoning, and critical and creative thinking.
- To promote an atmosphere of academic and intellectual freedom and respect for diverse expression in an environment of physical safety that is supportive of teaching and learning.
- To provide a general liberal arts education that supports specialized academic programs and prepares students for lifelong learning and service in a diverse society.
- To provide students with a diverse, innovative faculty dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarly pursuits, and continuous improvement of programs.
- To provide University-wide student services, activities, and resources that complement academic programs.
- To support and strengthen student, faculty, and administrative structures that promote shared governance of the institution.
- To promote and encourage student, faculty, staff, and community interaction in a positive academic climate that creates opportunities for cultural, intellectual, and personal enrichment for the University and the communities it serves.

### Vision

Rogers State University aspires to be the regional university of choice for Northeast Oklahoma and beyond, recognized as a model for excellence in face-to-face and online academic programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

## **Explanation of RSU's Vision Statement:**

Rogers State University (RSU) has advanced its reputation for quality undergraduate education since becoming a four-year university in 2000. This is evidenced in U.S. News & World Report rankings where RSU placed as one of the top 50 public regional colleges in the West. RSU focuses on excellence in teaching and seeks to become a regional leader in Quality Matters approved distance education.

As a regional university of choice, RSU cultivates a vibrant campus culture with a focus on substantive, relevant degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate program levels that align with regional business, industry, and educational needs. Through curricular and co-curricular offerings, RSU promotes and embraces an appreciation for cultural diversity and global awareness.

Today: *Mission* 



Future: 5-year Vision

#### **Area or School Mission:**

The Rogers State University Office of Academic Affairs has general responsibility for the University's academic programs and personnel.

### **Department Mission:**

In support of the University mission, the Office for Accountability and Academics seeks to promote and increase the ability of Rogers State University to ensure students develop the skills and knowledge required to achieve professional and personal goals in our dynamic local and global communities. Goals include the following:

- Facilitate institutional improvement through internal data management strategic reporting
- Promote student success through support for the assessment of student learning outcomes
- Assist the University in complying with accountability and other reporting requirements associated with state and federal regulatory agencies and accreditation organizations
- Assess the effectiveness of University programs, units and related functions in order to determine the extent to which goals are being met.
- Facilitate University planning, evaluation, and assessment by providing leadership in research design and implementation
- Increase availability of data, review processes, evaluation results and survey via the department web site and the internet.

#### **Process and Instructions:**

Operational planning is planning that takes place at the department level or across departments in an organization. RSU's operational plans are developed by each department on an annual basis, and all department plans are guided by the University's prioritized strategic actions selected by RSU's Strategic Planning Committee. Departments may choose to include additional action items in their annual plans, but only those actions that support the annually prioritized strategic actions will be considered for institutional resources when resources become available. Further, key performance indicators are necessary to assess the success of each operational plan.

Operational plans will be submitted to and reviewed by the vice president for each respective area as well as the Strategic Planning Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee.

In the tables that follow, please work collaboratively with your team to select three to six strategic actions for the specific year of implementation for your Unit to accomplish.

#### Years 3 and 4 Priorities:

- Goal 2.1.1.1: Reduce/eliminate furlough days through increased revenue and cost containment
- Goal 2.2.1.1: Ensure competitive salaries for faculty and staff (full-time and part-time)
- Goal 1.1.1.6: Enhance and implement academic quality and persistence initiatives (Development of a first-year experience program)

Departments' Operational Plans are reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee to develop the upcoming budget for submission to OSRHE. Henceforth, each year after the University's budget is finalized, departments will be informed of approval or disapproval of budget monies requested in their Operational Plans.

## GOAL #1: INSPIRE STUDENT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

# **Objective 1: Promote Student Success**

<u>Initiative 1: Increase persistence and graduation rates</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Improve RSU's advisement system		Year 1 Year 2 Year 3				
2. Implement a comprehensive first-year experience program	Work with John Gardner Foundations of Excellence (FoE) Team to create first year experience for transfer students	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5	\$6000/year requested and received + cost of travel to annual conference	Year 3: Creation of FoE plan/surveys of students and faculty/staff Year 4: Analyze surveys; implement plan Year 5: Continued implementation	FoE Team	Ongoing; Completion of Surveys by end of Year 3
3. Increase pursuit of federal (e.g.TRiO) and other grant opportunities		Year 1				
4. Mine data to inform institutional decision making	Work with each Area as requested to analyze and mine needed, prioritized data	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	\$0	100% completion of prioritized requests; "Satisfied" ratings of process/results	AVP for Accountability and Academics	All prioritized requests completed; survey to be

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
						implemented in 2019
5. Advance use of technology in at-risk and support services		Year 1				
6. Implement persistence initiatives	Work with John Gardner Foundations of Excellence (FoE) Team to create first year experience for transfer students	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5	\$6000/year requested and received + cost of travel to annual conference	Year 3: Creation of FoE plan/surveys of students and faculty/staff Year 4: Analyze surveys; implement plan Year 5: Continued implementation	FoE Team	Ongoing; Completion of Surveys by end of Year 3
7. Develop an academically based residence life program		Year 4 Year 5				

<u>Initiative 2: Expand opportunities for undergraduate research/scholarship</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Establish internships, research partnerships, and similar opportunities		Year 1				

2. Dedicate funds			
for student	Year 1		
research/scholarship			

# Objective 2: Enhance Transformational Learning Experiences Across the University

Initiative 1: Integrate quality principles across the curriculum

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Establish quality						
standards in on-		Year 2				
ground courses						
2. Implement the						
Quality Matters plan		Year 1				
in online and		1 car 1				
blended courses						
3. Expand the role of						
the CTL in quality		Year 1				
implementation						

<u>Initiative 2: Strengthen internship and civic engagement programs</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Establish more internship opportunities		Year 1				

2. Expand community service opportunities	Year 2		
3. Promote service learning as a required element in appropriate courses	Year 3		

<u>Initiative 3: Emphasize diversity, inclusion, and global awareness</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Provide appropriate co-curricular learning and involvement opportunities		Year 1				
2. Increase support and success initiatives for identity-based student populations		Year 1				
3. Expand studies-at- large (national and international) programs		Year 5				
4. Establish a Native American Student Center		Year 3				

<u>Initiative 4: Promote educational experiences for students outside of the classroom</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Establish "Study Circles" among faculty, staff, and students		Year 3				
2. Establish colloquia series in each school		Year 4				
3. Establish a "scholar in residence" program		Year 5				

## GOAL #2: ENHANCE INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND TRADITIONS

# **Objective 1: Enhance Organizational Culture and Strengthen Internal Communication Systems**

<u>Initiative 1: Promote a culture that celebrates innovation, values human resources, and embraces positive change</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Reduce/eliminate						
furlough days						
through increased		Year 1				
revenue and cost						
containment						
2. Create a single						
sign-on to RSU		Year 5				
computing systems						
3. Develop an						
employee		Year 1				
recognition program						
4. Develop an after-						
5:00 p.m. student		Year 3				
service environment						
5. Establish an RSU-		Year 1				
Bartlesville Student		Year 2				
Center and Library						
6. Apply for Best						
Places To Work in						
Oklahoma status		Year 5				
and/or Great		2 000				
Colleges to Work						
For status						

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
7. Establish a Faculty/Staff Social Planning Committee (i.e., Cultural Innovation Committee)	Collaborate with the University's Cultural Innovation Committee to organize, promote, and implement a data-informed, employee- friendly culture to include scheduled events and activities	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Year 3 \$1000 requested; \$0 received.	Implement ≥ 1 event a year. Above average satisfaction on organizational culture survey, and increasing satisfaction each year	AVP for Accountability and Academics	Employee appreciation cookout held Years 1-3. Focus groups held rather than survey in Year 3. Morale still affected from environmental factors.

<u>Initiative 2: Strengthen internal communication systems</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Improve RSU's website (external) and the MyRSU portal (internal)		Year 1				
2. Automate university forms		Year 2				

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
3. Implement an internal communication plan		Year 1				

<u>Initiative 3: Engage part-time faculty in University culture</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Provide unbroken						
access to RSU email		Year 1				
communication						
between semesters						
2. Invite adjunct						
faculty to						
department and		Year 1				
university meetings						
and events						
3. Engage adjunct						
faculty in the		Year 2				
Faculty Association						
4. Post current full-						
time and adjunct						
faculty biographical		Year 1				
information on						
department websites						

<u>Initiative 4: Establish and celebrate RSU traditions</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Identify and promote RSU's unique traditions		Year 1				

# **Objective 2: Support Professional Growth and Employee Well-Being**

<u>Initiative 1: Ensure competitive salaries for faculty and staff (full-time and part-time)</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Implement a compensation plan		Year 4				
2. Conduct a compensation survey		Year 2				
3. Develop policies to compensate staff for achieving relevant degrees, certificates, or licensure		Year 1				
4. Develop a performance development plan for staff		Year 5				

<u>Initiative 2: Pursue pedagogical innovation through faculty and staff support</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Increase						
university-sponsored		Year 1				
professional		Year 2				
development		Year 3				
opportunities						
2. Develop and						
implement a new		Year 3				
employee		1641 3				
orientation program						
3. Incentivize						
scholarly and		Year 1				
creative research and		1 cal 1				
activities						

<u>Initiative 3: Build full-time faculty and staff to the level of regional parity</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Conduct an employee staffing survey of peer institutions		Year 2				
2. Recruit and retain under-represented faculty and staff		Year 1				

### **GOAL 3: ENGAGE RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**

## Objective 1: Enhance RSU's Image and Build Brand Awareness

Initiative 1: Develop a comprehensive brand identity and marketing plan

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Increase RSU presence/visibility in service area		Year 1 – Year 5				
2. Formalize and implement university marketing and branding plan		Year 1 – Year 5				
3. Implement brand management measures to protect use of RSU marks		Year 1				

Initiative 2: Actively engage alumni and community supporters

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Engage prominent community leaders		Year 1				
2. Expand the alumni base		Year 1				_

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
3. Encourage faculty, staff and student participation in local engagement and/or leadership opportunities		Year 2				
4. Increase communication with alumni		Year 1				
5. Plan department and program specific activities, events and reunions		Year 2				
6. Develop an RSU student-alumni mentorship program		Year 1				

# <u>Initiative 3: Enhance external communication</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Increase awareness of academic excellence		Year 1				
2. Refine effectiveness of RSU digital presence		Year 1				

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
3. Increase awareness						
of individual		Year 1				
accomplishments						
4. Leverage RSU TV						
and RSU Radio		Year 1				
media assets						
5. Expand						
distribution of		Year 1				
university news to		rear r				
non-campus publics						

<u>Initiative 4: Strengthen RSU Foundation Endowments and Donor Base</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Increase RSU Foundation assets by more than 15% annually		Year 1				
2. Promote an intentional grant process linking funding priorities to outcomes		Year 1				

### GOAL #4: ENHANCE ENROLLMENT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

## **Objective #1: Strengthen Operational and Student Service Systems**

<u>Initiative 1: Maximize the implementation and use of the new administrative services and associated technology systems.</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Identify campus specialists and enhance training in technology tools		Year 1				
2. Identify and capture resource efficiencies	Collaborate with Student Affairs to share software for surveys and business analytics	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Year 3 \$3000; \$0 received	Purchase of software with shared cost; satisfied feedback re: user friendliness	AVP for Accountability and Academics with Coordinator of Career Services	Budget to be evaluated for Year 4
3. Streamline business processes and deploy technological solutions		Year 3				

## Initiative 2: Reimagine and reinvigorate RSU's Service Mission

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Create and implement a		Year 1				

university customer			
service code			

# **Objective #2: Increase Institutional Enrollment**

<u>Initiative 1: Develop a comprehensive Strategic Enrollment Plan</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Identify RSU enrollment goals and OSRHE enrollment mandates		Year 1				
2. Conduct internal/external SWOT analysis on enrollment	Collaborate with Enrollment Management to conduct SWOT analysis and report out	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	\$0 (\$6000/year + travel for initiative)	Survey of faculty and students	John Gardner Foundations of Excellence (FoE) Team	FoE Survey implemented and to be analyzed summer 2018;
3. Establish enrollment metrics and key performance indicators		Year 1				
4. Establish data analytics structure	Collaborate with Enrollment Management to conduct SWOT analysis and report out	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	\$0 (\$6000/year + travel for initiative)	Survey of faculty and students	John Gardner Foundations of Excellence (FoE) Team	FoE Survey implemented and to be analyzed summer 2018;

<u>Initiative 2: Accelerate academic program development</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress
1. Advance development of online programs and courses in demand subjects and emerging disciplines		Year 1				
2. Add certificate and credential offerings in line with core institutional competencies		Year 2				
3. Establish one complete degree/certificate/crede ntial program at each satellite campus location		Year 2				

<u>Initiative 3: Increase institutional retention</u>

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress
1. Plan and Build a						
University Welcome		Year 5				
Center						
2. Plan and build a						
University Recreation		Year 5				
and Wellness Center						
3. Address						
transportation needs		Year 2				
between satellite and		rear 2				
main RSU campuses						

<u>Initiative 4</u>: Increase volume, quality and opportunities relative to student activities across all RSU campuses.

Strategic Actions	Operational Actions	Priority Year	Budget Requested/ Received	Evaluation Measure and Performance Standard	Person(s) Responsible	Status (Due Date and Progress)
1. Establish partnerships with Claremore, Pryor and Bartlesville city leadership to facilitate business, facility and programmatic investment that appeals to and engages local		Year 2				
college student population						

2. Improve and expand			
physical facilities to	Year 4		
accommodate increased			
activities			