

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Strategic Planning Steering Committee  
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**Charge to the Committee from Provost/VPAA, Dr. Jim Henderson (Report)**

The Strategic Planning document crafted as a result of the steering committee's work will be used as a guide by university administration and others for resource allocation. The Provost stressed the need for specificity of plan components and the need for the strategic plan to convey the uniqueness of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. According to the Provost, components of our identity as a university which must be communicated in the plan include:

- Research-intensive, doctoral degree granting university,
- Strong, meaningful community ties,
- Long history of educating first-generation, low-income students,
- Broad range of degree program offerings,
- Substantial amount of private funding of research

As part of the strategic planning process, the committee should identify the university's centers of excellence. We should also recommend strategies to fully support those centers of excellence.

The university's vision statement is a statement of our preferred future in five years. Our mission should encompass the education of students in the broadest sense: education of degree- and non-degree seeking students. This education is intended to result in profound impact on our students. The strategic plan and strategic imperatives must include measurable outcomes.