

Strategic Planning - Introduction



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A question for you:

Why do some universities perform better than others?





The answer : Among many other reasons, the main reason is "having a realistic strategic plan"

• What is strategic planning?

What is Strategic Planning?

- Strategic planning determines
 - where should the university go over the next 5 years
 - how university is going to get there and
 - how we know whether our university reached there.





What is the importance of the strategic plan?

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The Importance of Strategic Planning

Importance of having a strategic plan for the university

- clearly define the purpose of the university (mission)
- establish realistic goals towards to achieve the vision through the mission
- establish the objectives consistent with the mission in a defined time frame within the university's capacity for implementation (SMART objectives).









Importance of having a strategic plan for the university

- communicate those goals and objectives to the university community.
- develop a sense of ownership of the plan.
- ensure the most effective use is made of the university's resources by focusing the resources on the key priorities.







Importance of having a strategic plan for the university

provide a base from which progress can be measured

establish a mechanism for informed change when needed.

 bring together of everyone's best and most reasoned efforts in building a consensus about where the university is going.



Importance of having a strategic plan for the university (cont....,)

- provides clearer focus of university, producing more efficiency and effectiveness
- bridges staff and top administration (VC, Registrar, Deans, Librarian, Bursar etc.)
- builds strong teams within the university



Importance of having a strategic plan for the university (cont....,)



Glue

- provides the glue that keeps the senate and council together
- produces great satisfaction among staff around a common vision
- increases productivity through increased efficiency and effectiveness
- solves major problems







