

MEREDITH COLLEGE GOALS 2008-09

Vision 2010 has set the long-term goals for Meredith College. Using this strategic plan as our guide, we will

- Foster an academic climate that is rigorous, engaging, personal, and transformative with specific programs that focus on internationalization and leadership
 - Make application for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter
 - Continue to increase the internationalization of the College by
 - Providing more opportunities for students to study abroad (increasing travel awards and developing the semester abroad program in Sansepolcro, Italy)
 - Continue to develop partnerships to recruit international students (Initiative to Educate Afghan Women, Zawadi Africa, FuHsing School summer program, Dongbei University) and to provide excellent support services for international students
 - Support leadership programming through the Institute for Women's Leadership
 - Build and strengthen graduate programs
 - Gain SACS approval for and implement the Master of Arts in Teaching program (MAT)
 - Identify new or expanded graduate programs
 - Enhance services for graduate students
 - Prepare for accreditation and reaccreditation
 - AACSB – prepare and submit final documentation
 - SACS – demonstrate full compliance and prepare the Quality Enhancement Plan
 - Develop opportunities for Meredith community to come together
 - Implement as appropriate the recommendations coming from the General Education Committee
 - Tie to academic and campus programs the 2008-09 campus theme, Sustaining Our Environment, Developing Our Greenprint
- Assure a strong student body, an outstanding faculty and staff, a stimulating environment for learning and living, and an appropriate array of high quality academic offerings.
 - Increase the total student enrollment through improved retention and recruitment of first-time freshmen, out-of-state students, and minority students
 - Determine Meredith's goal for the percentage of documented need met for students with financial need
 - Raise the percentage of credit hours taught by full-time employees to 80% by fall 2009

- Take the next steps in the salary plan for faculty and staff
- Continue to work aggressively on campus facilities
 - Finalize funding for and construct Phase I of the soccer field and track
 - Complete construction on apartments and address quality of life issues and policies
 - Increase the budget for facilities renewal to \$975,000 in the next budget
 - Finish the comprehensive long-range facilities plan, including a capital budget
 - Take next steps in planning and developing the Human Performance and Physical Activities Center
- Explore and define Meredith's niche in the current educational climate in North Carolina
- Enhance support for the library and technology
- Continue our emergency preparedness planning
- Enhance wellness programming and education for faculty, staff and students
- Enhance the vibrancy of end-of-week and weekend intellectual and social activities
- Structure community programs better to connect with and support the mission of the College
- Improve the climate and infrastructure for high quality assessment and planning across all divisions
- Fund raise for projects and Meredith Fund, include more administrators and faculty in the process
- Achieve greater recognition for the College
 - Continue to enhance Meredith's digital presence
 - Begin next phase of the web enhancement project by redesigning websites for Human Resources and Institutional Advancement
 - Develop strong partnerships between Marketing and Communications and academic departments
 - Improve communications to parents of students
 - Improve the all-campus calendar
 - Cultivate relationships between Meredith College and local, state and national officials
 - Promote Meredith as a great place to live, work and learn