

Priority 3 Cultivate sustainable partnerships.
Strategy 3.1 Strengthen community and industry collaborations
Initiative 3.1.1 Conduct campus and community assessments to inform and improve development of partnerships.

Action	Responsible	Begin Date	End Date	Outcome/Metrics/KPIs
Develop a common institutional vocabulary related to partnership and engagement	VPPE (CE Classification Committee)	August 2025	April 2026	Completion of task
Make recommendations on revisions to policy that include community engagement efforts in teaching, research, and service as part of promotion and tenure review	VPPE (CE Classification Committee); VPFSI	August 2025	April 2026	Completion of task
Define common outcomes and ways to measure the success of partnership and engagement efforts	VPPE (University Assessment Committee)	Spring 2026	April 2027	Development of assessment guides for institutional units
Develop a comprehensive professional development and incentive plan to increase faculty and staff participation in community engagement	VPFSI (Center for Teaching & Mentoring); VPPE (CE Classification Committee)	Spring 2026	April 2027	Completion of task

Initiative 3.1.2 Increase industry connections by leveraging and expanding existing internship programs.

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Establish communication channels to share information about partnerships and engagement efforts across the institution	VPs with APCEI	August 2025	April 2026	The number of communication channels successfully created and implemented (e.g., dedicated email lists, shared databases, or newsletters). Target of at least 2-3 by April 2026.
Develop a comprehensive internship reporting system that enables an accurate assessment of current practices, programs, and needs	Director, Career Development Center; Deans	August 2025	April 2027	Completion of task

Initiative 3.1.3 Develop integrated communication systems that foster collaboration with the community.

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Articulate an institutional commitment to increasing partnerships and to sharing information about partnership efforts	UP and VPs	Summer 2025	December 2025	Direct communication to the university community and posting on the website