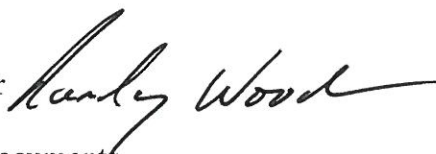


MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Chancellors

FROM: W. Randolph Woodson, Chancellor



SUBJECT: Request for Unit-Level Strategic Documents

DATE: March 30, 2012

We are approaching the year anniversary of when the NC State Board of Trustees approved *The Pathway to the Future: NC States 2011-2020 Strategic Plan*. We also recently reached the year mark on the Strategic Realignment process, which has recommended and begun implementation on changes aligned with the strategic plan and positioned to make us more effective and efficient with our resources. As I have said many times, the intent of these plans is to drive the decision-making and direction of this university. However, for this to work, it is critical that the strategic vision is carried out at the unit-level.

By June 15, 2012, please send me a 5 to 10 page document which includes the following information:

1. Steps you have taken to revise your current unit-level strategic plan to align with *The Pathway to the Future* (<http://info.ncsu.edu/strategic-planning/pathway-to-the-future/>) and its Implementation Plan (<http://info.ncsu.edu/strategic-planning/implementation/plan-and-metrics/>).
2. Key unit-level strategic priorities and short-term and long-term unit goals.
3. Any barriers or critical issues that would keep your unit from reaching its goals.
4. You ordered investment priorities for 2012-2013, should funds become available. Please include approximate dollar amounts for each investment and limit the total request to 5% of your base budget.
5. Opportunities that you see for fostering interdisciplinary work between units.

During the 2012-13 academic year, I will discuss with you and provide additional guidelines on the development of more comprehensive plans beyond the next fiscal year. There also will be an effort to refine the university's strategic areas of emphasis, and I invite you to begin thinking about how we can best accomplish this at the unit-level.