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# IMPACT 366

### **Strategic Plan**



#### Goal One: Provide a premier, learner-focused Christian education

Goal Lead: Provost

#### Strategies:

Implement a rigorous Christian liberal arts education.

- Inaugurate a new "Lipscomb Core," a rigorous Christian liberal arts curriculum (to supersede the current general education curriculum) that provides Lipscomb undergraduates with a well-rounded basis for living well and for pursuing further study in their chosen majors.
- Establish a top honors college.

Create a faith-centered educational environment with programming that enables learners to be curious, analytical, innovative and resilient supported by advances in scholarship.

- Prioritize faith and learning.
- Create an administrative infrastructure and academic environment that promotes research, scholarly activity and creativity.
- Augment library resources.
- Provide a comprehensive strategy for instructional delivery that provides greater access and flexibility for all of our learners while supporting student success.

#### Attract, recruit and retain mission-aligned faculty who excel in teaching and scholarship.

- Recruit faculty purposefully to target expertise which aligns with our strengths as a University.
- Improve faculty compensation and professional development opportunities.
- Maintain an environment which encourages intentionality of faith in diverse educational settings.

#### Enhance student success through improved retention, advising, mentoring and vocational preparation.

- Improve academic advising through the implementation of a professional advising system.
- Strengthen mentoring programs.
- Following best practices, add professional advisors to work with students throughout their college careers to ensure the successful onboarding of, and retention of, students.
- Record and utilize data from student scheduling plans to predict and analyze efficiency of course offering demand by semester.
- Develop a culture of mentoring and coaching among faculty campuswide.
- Provide professional development in coaching for faculty so they can help students on their path to success.
- Provide opportunities for students to connect the life of the mind to their faith.

#### Promote meritorious research and scholarly productivity enabling the transition from a Doctoral/Professional University to a High Research University.

- Promote research administration and compliance best practices which support excellence and quality for the research environment.
- Create a Research Advisory Committee across disciplines and inclusive of key stakeholders which highlight research focus areas and areas of strength.
- Consolidate research into Centers of Research Excellence which shape our intellectual communities.
- Advance graduate professional education which will attract and engage key thought leaders who reflect our mission.

Implement a continuous data-informed program review process of current programs alongside an annual new program development process.

- Establish a program review process to evaluate the status, effectiveness and progress of academic programs and identify the future direction, needs and priorities of those programs.
- Create academic dashboards with both institutional and identified performance indicators for each academic unit and determine the key indicators of program performance that point to further support, additional refinement or elimination.
- Ensure broad awareness and shared understanding of key metrics through professional learning and data conversations.
- Conduct market research and determine which new programs to develop annually.
- Ensure each new program aligns with the university mission, is attentive to market and has financial margin in delivery.



#### **Goal One: Metrics**

| Strategy  | Primary Owner |
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| Implement a rigorous Christian liberal arts education.  |               |
| a. Inaugurate a new "Lipscomb Core," a rigorous Christian liberal arts curriculum (to supersede the current general education curriculum) that provides Lipscomb. undergraduates with a well-rounded basis for living well and for pursuing further study in their chosen majors. | a. Provost    |
| b. Establish a top honors college.  | b. Provost    |

| Measure                              | FY23 Baseline            | FY24 Target           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Refresh general education curriculum | 1. Completed 2 follow    | 1. Get feedback on    |
|                                      | up focus group           | curricula plans from  |
|                                      | discussions to discuss   | faculty focus groups  |
|                                      | student learning         | and refine to one     |
|                                      | outcomes for creative    | plan.                 |
|                                      | arts and social          | 2. Create rubrics for |
|                                      | sciences. 2. Conducted   | assessment of         |
|                                      | follow up meetings to    | identified student    |
|                                      | create plan for          | learning outcomes     |
|                                      | Rhetoric, Christian      | and receive feedback  |
|                                      | Intellectual Tradition,  | from focus groups of  |
|                                      | and Diverse              | faculty and students. |
|                                      | Perspectives. 3. Task    | Revise rubrics as     |
|                                      | Force members worked     | needed.               |
|                                      | with the English and     | Rubrics are approved  |
|                                      | Modern Language and      | by the appropriate    |
|                                      | History Politics and     | university            |
|                                      | Philosophy faculty to    | committees and        |
|                                      | develop a proposal       | councils as required  |
|                                      | similar to the one put   | by university process |
|                                      | forth by Natural         | and procedures.       |
|                                      | Sciences. 4. First Year  | 3. Create menu        |
|                                      | Seminar small working    | criteria teams of 4-6 |
|                                      | group began              | faculty for each area |
|                                      | developing student       | for requirements      |
|                                      | learning outcomes for    | with menu options.    |
|                                      | a first year seminar. 5. | These teams are       |
|                                      | Created three options    | charged with          |

|  | for first drafts for the | developing an         |
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|  | LU Core curriculum       | application process   |
|  | plan.                    | and assessment        |
|  |                          | criteria for the menu |
|  |                          | of their area. Bring  |
|  |                          | menu criteria to      |
|  |                          | appropriate           |
|  |                          | university general    |
|  |                          | education committee   |
|  |                          | and academic          |
|  |                          | council for feedback. |
|  |                          | Department chairs     |
|  |                          | receive menu          |
|  |                          | applications and call |
|  |                          | goes out for courses  |
|  |                          | to be considered for  |
|  |                          | menus.                |
| Identify key premier Honors College rankings to utilize as | Efforts continue to      | Explore the           |
| benchmarks   | define best practices    | possibility of an     |
|  | that define a top        | Honors                |
|  | honors college;          | living/learning       |
|  | changes in               | community. Move       |
|  | administrative           | forward with          |
|  | structure occurred; a    | program support       |
|  | Program Director         | structure through     |
|  | position was created     | appointment of        |
|  | and the current          | Program Coordinator   |
|  | Program Coordinator      | and elevating the     |
|  | was promoted to this     | title of the Director |
|  | position. Other          | of the Honors         |
|  | structure changes will   | College to a Dean     |
|  | provide the support      | level will be         |
|  | staff needed to serve    | considered for FY25;  |
|  | the honors college       | Continued             |
|  | students in the context  | development and       |
|  | of continued changes     | refining assessment   |
|  | that align the honors    | practices for the     |
|  | college with practices   | recently restructured |
|  | and policies affiliated  | honors curriculum;    |
|  | with top honors          | Launch initiative to  |
|  | experiences.             | encourage honors      |
|  |                          | college students to   |

|  |  | apply for the<br>Marshall scholarship. |
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| Create a faith-centered educational environment with programming that enables<br>learners to be curious, analytical, innovative and resilient supported by advances in<br>scholarship.<br>c. Prioritize faith and learning. | c. Provost    |
| d. Create an administrative infrastructure and academic environment that promotes research, scholarly activity and creativity.  | d. Provost    |
| e. Augment library resources.   | e. Provost    |
| f. Provide a comprehensive strategy for instructional delivery that provides greater access and flexibility for all of our learners while supporting student success.   | f. Provost    |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target  |
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| Create measurable definition of faith and learning | No definition of faith and learning   | Create a measurable<br>definition of faith<br>and learning   |
| Growth in infrastructure and research              | Office of Research<br>established, policy<br>reviews have begun<br>and RCR training has<br>commenced. | Hire grant<br>accountant; increase<br>in grant applications;<br>approved and<br>published policy and<br>procedure manual;<br>increase percentage<br>of faculty applying<br>for sabbaticals and<br>summer grants.<br>Increase funding<br>designated toward<br>research<br>expenditures. |
| Monitor program accreditations                     | Current program<br>accreditations in place  | Maintain<br>accreditations;<br>investigate new<br>program  |

|   |  | accreditation  |
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| Develop KPIs for library performance  | The library received a<br>Bookeye V Scanner<br>through donor funding.<br>This scanner will<br>enhance the<br>digitization capabilities<br>for the Carolyn Wilson<br>Digital Collections (the<br>institutional repository)<br>as well as for<br>ArchivesSpace, the<br>software used in the<br>Robert E. Hooper<br>Archives. The scanning<br>of all Backlogs and<br>Babblers for the | possibilities<br>Continued<br>digitization efforts to<br>populate the<br>institutional<br>repository. Projects<br>include faculty<br>research; Continue<br>collection of oral<br>histories; provide<br>free workshops to<br>local churches on<br>how to create a<br>church archive which<br>can be accessed<br>through the<br>congregational |
|   | repository has been completed.   | library.   |
| Develop Instructional Delivery plan for high demand courses   | Highest demand<br>online courses for<br>traditional students<br>identified and<br>communicated to<br>colleges.   | Continued<br>instructional design<br>training bootcamps/<br>workshops and<br>evaluation of the<br>effectiveness of<br>these trainings and<br>student satisfaction<br>with the courses  |
| Formalize contract with non-credit bearing platform and supporting policies/procedures to support professional development revenue growth | Potential platform<br>identified and quote<br>generated  | Contract finalized<br>and policies and<br>procedures<br>developed and<br>implemented   |

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Attract, recruit and retain mission-aligned faculty who excel in teaching and scholarship.

g. Provost

| g. Recruit faculty purposefully to target expertise which aligns with our strengths as a   |            |
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| university.  | h. Provost |
| h. Improve faculty compensation and professional development opportunities.                | i. Provost |
| i. Maintain an environment which encourages intentionality of faith in diverse educational |            |

Measure FY23 Baseline FY24 Target Attract, recruit and retain faculty who excel in Identified percentage of 1. Provost will review each teaching and scholarship faculty who have identified pilot program evaluation scholarship as a component with deans effected to discuss targeted expertise of their assigned time. needed from findings. 2. Provost will work with deans to use program evaluation data gathered this year to continue to identify targeted expertise needed and develop a strategy for recruitment. 3. Launch of faculty performance review framework will allow for frequent discussion, goal setting, and evaluation of teaching and scholarship achievements. Appropriate faculty compensation and Identified number of Determine 50th percentile development opportunities sabbaticals awarded: of CUPA salaries by investment in travel to discipline; develop a plan to add to increase travel professional conferences; investment in CTL; budgets, sabbaticals and investment in summer summer research research opportunities; opportunities current salary levels Faculty focus on spiritual development Relaunch of faculty staff 4 faculty/staff chapels held. chapel. Planning of new Inclusion of devotional faculty orientation components in every programming focused on faculty meeting. faith and learning Implementation of integration. required new faculty

settings.

|  | orientation focused on |
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|  | faith and learning     |
|  | integration.           |

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| Enhance student success through improved retention, advising, mentoring and vocational preparation.   |               |
| j. Improve academic advising through the implementation of a professional advising system.  | j. Provost    |
| k. Strengthen mentoring programs.   | k. Provost    |
| I. Following best practices, add professional advisors to work with students throughout their college careers to ensure the successful onboarding of, and retention of, students. | l. Provost    |
| m. Record and utilize data from student scheduling plans to predict and analyze efficiency of course offering demand by semester.   | m. Provost    |
| n. Develop a culture of mentoring and coaching among faculty campuswide.  | n. Provost    |
| o. Provide professional development in coaching for faculty so they can help students on their path to success.   | o. Provost    |
| p. Provide opportunities for students to connect the life of the mind to their faith.   | p. Provost    |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline  | FY24 Target   |
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| Accomplish benchmarks for student satisfaction with advising and mentoring                                     | Assess effectiveness of<br>athletic professional<br>advisor; investigate models<br>for professional advising;<br>determine a model most<br>effective for Lipscomb;<br>create proforma to reflect a<br>professional advising<br>environment; establish<br>benchmarks for student<br>satisfaction with advising<br>and mentoring | Model for professional<br>advising identified. New<br>hires for academic success<br>coaching. Training for<br>academic success coaching.<br>Purchase of student<br>success software and<br>training across ASC and<br>student life. |
| Improve the course scheduling and advising<br>experience by offering enough seats in high<br>demand offerings. | Conclusive was used to<br>predict and analyze course<br>offerings demand for the<br>Fall 2023. Semester.   | Continue the use of<br>Conclusive to predict high<br>demand offerings for the<br>Spring 2024, Summer 2024,<br>and Fall 2024 semesters.<br>Assess after Fall 2023 start<br>if predictive information                                 |

|  |   | generated in Conclusive was accurate.   |
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| Improve mentoring, coaching, and professional development opportunities for faculty. | New Faculty Academy<br>(formerly New Faculty<br>Orientation) developed and<br>launched in Fall 2024. New<br>three "director" model<br>formed in the CTL to target<br>key growth areas<br>(professional development,<br>strategy, instructional<br>design) | Survey new faculty and<br>returning faculty to assess<br>both the culture of<br>mentoring and coaching<br>among faculty campuswide<br>and professional<br>development<br>opportunities. |

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| Promote meritorious research and scholarly productivity enabling the transition from a Doctoral/Professional University to a High Research University.   |                       |
| <b>q.</b> Promote research administration and compliance best practices which support excellence and quality for the research environment.               | q. Provost            |
| r. Create a Research Advisory Committee across disciplines and inclusive of key stakeholders which highlight research focus areas and areas of strength. | r. Provost            |
| o. Consolidate research into Centers of Research Excellence which shape our intellectual<br>communities.   | <del>o. Provost</del> |
| s. Advance graduate professional education which will attract and engage key thought leaders who reflect our mission.                                    | s. Provost            |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline  | FY24 Target  |
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| Achieve R2 designation                                   | Identify key stakeholders<br>and develop a plan with<br>identified benchmarks  | Continue to identify<br>funding that can be<br>designated for research<br>from both grants and<br>expenditures. Move toward<br>the \$5 million target. |
| Achieve fully operational and staffed Office of Research | Director and support in<br>place. Grant accountant<br>position posted. Policies<br>continue to be created and<br>move through the approval<br>process. | Hire grant accountant<br>position; Continue to<br>review and develop policies<br>as needed.  |

| Number of graduate professional education<br>programs which attract nationally recognized<br>thought leaders | Launch of PhD program. | Continue to identify viable<br>possible graduate<br>professional programs for<br>Lipscomb; prioritize viable<br>programs based on market |
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|  |                        | research   |

| Strategy   | Primary Owner |
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| <ul> <li>Implement a continuous data-informed program review process of current programs</li> <li>alongside an annual new program development process.</li> <li>t. Establish a program review process to evaluate the status, effectiveness and progress of</li> <li>academic programs and identify the future direction, needs and priorities of those programs.</li> </ul> | t. Provost    |
| u. Create academic dashboards with both institutional and identified performance indicators for each academic unit and determine the key indicators of program performance that point to further support, additional refinement or elimination.  | u. Provost    |
| v. Ensure broad awareness and shared understanding of key metrics through professional learning and data conversations.  | v. Provost    |
| w. Conduct market research and determine which new programs to develop annually.   | w. Provost    |
| x. Ensure each new program aligns with the university mission, is attentive to market and has financial margin in delivery.  | x. Provost    |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target  |
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| Develop and implement program review process                 | Annual review process<br>created and piloted which<br>evaluates demand,<br>alignment, financial margin,<br>and delivery             | Continue review process<br>with 3 cycles in FY24 - fall,<br>spring, and summer |
| Create institutional and academic unit dashboards            | Functioning dashboards<br>created and shared with key<br>stakeholders   | Continue expansion of data<br>dashboards for program<br>review process         |
| Identify key performance indicators for each academic unit   | Only ad hoc KPIs are in<br>place (mainly those colleges<br>with accreditation); KPIs<br>may or may not be aligned<br>with CIP goals | Define KPIs /CIPs for each<br>academic unit                                    |
| Increase professional learning opportunities focused on data | Data training started for ALT.  | Training created and<br>implemented for program                                |



|   |   | directors, chairs, and deans<br>going through the program<br>review cycle           |
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| Develop and implement a program proposal process to determine which programs to develop | New Program Proposal<br>process created and piloted<br>which evaluates demand,<br>alignment, financial margin,<br>and delivery. | Continue Program Proposal<br>Process and assess<br>effectiveness in Summer<br>2024. |



# Goal Two: Promote and develop spiritual growth and transformation across our community

Goal Lead: Executive Vice President

#### Strategies:

Sustain and strengthen our Christ-centered mission.

- Integrate consistent use of Centering Core Part I: Confession of Faith.
- Identify and affirm the Centering Core Part II: Heritage to honor Lipscomb's contemporary relationship to Churches of Christ.
- Provide guidelines for implementing the Centering Core Part III: Practices in our community's missional, educational and operational activities:
  - Inform and influence hiring processes.
  - Integrate into the onboarding process.
  - Promote and engage when appropriate in performance reviews.
  - Intentionally engage faculty in promotion and tenure process.
  - Provide opportunities for our community to engage in Lipscomb's Christian mission.

#### Strengthen and coordinate spiritual formation efforts for our community members.

- Establish a spiritual life advisory council to advise and coordinate spiritual formation and faith integration opportunities on campus.
  - Conduct an environmental scan around current spiritual formation and faith integration strategies and opportunities to determine efficacy, consistency and impact.
  - Create a shared institutional vision and curricular and co-curricular operational framework for spiritual formation and faith integration.
- Increase access to and number of transformational experiences centered on mission and service.
  - Bring back the SALT program in some capacity.
  - Develop a volunteer center.
- Revise and develop questions focused on spiritual formation and faith integration to be included in student surveys in order to inform practice.
  - Utilize Baylor University's longitudinal inventory to measure spiritual formation.
  - Review Graduating Student Survey [GSS] questions.
  - Review Student Satisfaction Inventory [SSI] questions.



- Expand opportunities for formative spiritual formation and faith integration experiences for our community through:
  - Seminars
  - Worship experiences (including The Gathering)
  - Small groups
  - Workshops
  - Mentoring
  - Missions
  - Global Learning
  - Office of Vocation & Spiritual Formation
  - Launch an annual student conference or retreat in January focused on spiritual habits and growth
  - Nurture the spiritual development in breakouts, student organizations and social clubs
  - Create an employee formation council tasked with employee spiritual formation
  - Create a regular on-campus worship experience for Nashville area students
- Utilize assessment tools or instruments to help our community understand their God-given strengths and put them into practice.
- Integrate spiritual formation and faith integration in employee performance evaluation process.
- Create a leadership development program for faculty and staff. (See ERM)

#### Advance the discovery and actualization of faith and vocation.

- Establish the Center for Vocational Discovery & Life Purpose.
- Revise the 18-hour Bible curriculum to stimulate vocational discovery.
- Emphasize integration of vocational discovery in general education refresh (first-year experience and engagements).
- Develop discipline-specific resources connecting faith to vocation.
- Create opportunities to engage, encourage and serve our community to be empowered to live out their vocational calling:
  - Onboarding of new faculty and staff
  - Intentional reflection and application spaces, experiences, and opportunities for faculty, staff, and alumni
  - Thoughtful and accessible opportunities for graduate programs to integrate meaning and purpose with curriculum
  - Trainings
  - $\circ$  Publications
  - Conferences
  - Experiential education opportunities for all Lipscomb community members

#### **Goal Two: Metrics**

| Strategy  | Primary Owner  |
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| Sustain and strengthen our Christ-centered mission.   |  |
| a. Integrate consistent use of Centering Core Part I: Confession of Faith.  | a. Executive VP; VP Spiritual<br>Development and Church Services                           |
| b. Identify and affirm the Centering Core Part II: Heritage to honor<br>Lipscomb's contemporary relationship to Churches of Christ.                       | <ul> <li>b. Executive VP; VP Spiritual</li> <li>Development and Church Services</li> </ul> |
| c. Provide guidelines for implementing the Centering Core Part III:<br>Practices in our community's missional, educational and<br>operational activities. | c. Executive VP  |

| Measure   | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target  |
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| Develop and execute opportunities for our community to<br>engage in Lipscomb's Christian mission                              | Read at all faculty<br>meetings, at<br>baccalaureate, at Board<br>of Trustees meetings<br>and occasionally in<br>other settings | Develop and begin to<br>execute a plan for<br>hiring managers to<br>use the Centering<br>Core in all hiring<br>processes and for it<br>to be read/posted<br>throughout campus. |
| Develop key resources highlighting Lipscomb's contemporary relationship to Churches of Christ                                 | The heritage section of<br>Centering Core is on<br>the website  | Continue developing<br>and executing a<br>communication plan<br>with local churches<br>of Christ   |
| Develop plan for implementing Centering Core for hiring,<br>onboarding, performance reviews and promotion/tenure<br>processes | Identified need for<br>creation of Centering<br>Core Part III guidelines  | Part III guidelines<br>drafted and ready to<br>submit to the board<br>for approval; draft<br>ready for approval  |

#### Strategy

#### **Primary Owner**

#### Strengthen and coordinate spiritual formation efforts for our community members.

d. Establish a spiritual life advisory council to advise and coordinate spiritual formation and faith integration opportunities on campus.

e. Increase access to and number of transformational experiences centered on mission and service.

f. Revise and develop questions focused on spiritual formation and faith integration to be included in student surveys in order to inform practice.

g. Expand opportunities for formative spiritual formation and faith integration experiences for our community.

h. Utilize assessment tools or instruments to help our community understand their God-given strengths and put them into practice.

i. Integrate spiritual formation and faith integration in employee performance evaluation process.

j. Create a leadership development program for faculty and staff. (See ERM)

d.Executive VP

e. Executive VP; VP Spiritual Development and Church Services

f. SC Strategy; VP Spiritual Development and Church Services

g. VP Spiritual Development and Church Services

h. SC Strategy

i. Executive VP

j. Executive VP

| Measure   | FY23 Baseline  | FY24 Target   |
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| Create spiritual life advisory council to coordinate spiritual formation activities | Spiritual formation<br>activities conducted<br>across campus       | Spiritual life advisory<br>meets bi-weekly and<br>has as a part of its<br>agenda items related<br>to hiring,<br>onboarding, growth,<br>and retention of<br>employees, along<br>with transformative<br>experiences for<br>faculty, staff, and<br>students. |
| Increase in number of service and mission opportunities                             | Service and mission<br>opportunities<br>conducted across<br>campus | A clear<br>understanding of<br>current mission and<br>service opportunities<br>for students from<br>across campus and   |



| Spiritual campus climate survey pre and post results   | Current SSI results data  | also a plan to<br>centralize and<br>communicate these<br>opportunities within<br>the campus<br>community.<br>Identify appropriate  |
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|  |   | tool for surveying<br>spiritual campus<br>climate; create<br>dashboard from<br>current SSI results<br>data   |
| Develop plan of spiritual development opportunities for faculty and staff                                      | Faculty and staff chapel<br>and other spiritual<br>development<br>opportunities have<br>happened sporadically<br>prior to the 2022-2023<br>year | Faculty and staff<br>chapel will be held at<br>least 4 times this<br>academic year and<br>other spiritual<br>growth opportunities<br>for employees will be<br>established or<br>enhanced |
| Creation and execution of plan to become a strengths-based campus  | Integrate Gallup<br>strengths with<br>freshmen and transfer<br>students   | Continue integrating<br>strengths with<br>freshmen and<br>transfer students<br>through<br>first-semester chapel<br>experiences and<br>workshops  |
| Addition of spiritual formation and faith integration reflection<br>in employee performance evaluation process | Core values reflection<br>and assessment<br>embedded in<br>performance<br>evaluation process for<br>senior leadership                           | Implement core<br>values reflection and<br>assessment within<br>the performance<br>evaluation process<br>for all employees   |
| Creation of a leadership development program (See ERM)   | No leadership<br>development program<br>since 2017  | A leadership<br>development<br>program for key and<br>emerging leaders<br>from across campus<br>will be established.   |

| Strategy   | Primary Owner  |
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| Advance the discovery and actualization of faith and vocation.   |                |
| k. Establish the Center for Vocational Discovery.  | k. SC Strategy |
| I. Revise the 18-hour Bible curriculum to stimulate vocational discovery.  | l. Provost     |
| m. Emphasize integration of vocational discovery in general education refresh (first-year experience and engagements).     | m. Provost     |
| n. Develop discipline-specific resources connecting faith to vocation.   | n. Provost     |
| o. Create opportunities to engage, encourage and serve our community to be empowered to live out their vocational calling. | o. SC Strategy |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline                 | FY24 Target                               |
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| Creation and execution of Center for Vocational    | The CVD launched its first    | Continue an intentional                   |
| Discovery  | year of implementation        | plan of student                           |
|  |                               | engagement through chapel, workshops, and |
|  |                               | other experiences                         |
| Refresh of Bible curriculum                        | Updated assignments have      | Continue refining                         |
|  | been added to the Story of    | assignments and                           |
|  | Israel, Story of Church, and  | assessments through                       |
|  | Story of Jesus courses        | training of instructors                   |
| Refresh of general education courses               | General education             | Establish committee and                   |
|  | committee has explored a      | complete renewal and                      |
|  | revision to the general       | evaluation of current                     |
|  | education program             | curriculum                                |
| Discipline-specific resources developed to connect | Discipline-specific resources | Have discipline-specific                  |
| faith to vocation                                  | framework developed and       | resources created for every               |
|  | piloted with two colleges     | college and continue                      |
|  |                               | collaboration with CTL to                 |
|  |                               | develop discipline-specific               |
|  |                               | training for faith and                    |
|  |                               | vocation                                  |
| Develop and execute opportunities for the          | Opportunities currently       | Continue creating                         |
| Lipscomb community to connect faith to vocation    | developed in pockets across   | opportunities developed                   |
|  | campus                        | and supported by CVD for                  |
|  |                               | students, faculty, and staff              |



# Goal Three: Recruit, support, retain and graduate students with the tools for a purposeful life

Goal Lead: Executive Vice President

#### Strategies:

Recruit, enroll and retain students, who contribute to the intellectual, social and spiritual life of the University.

- Continue to build a campus-wide culture of intentional recruitment and enrollment efforts.
- Create an endowed scholarship fund of \$100 million in order to attract high-achieving undergraduate and graduate and professional students who will enhance the ecology of student access and success. (See Goal 5)
- Develop strategic relationships with religious, educational and community organizations that provide college access for students who are underrepresented at Lipscomb.
- Leverage the influence of alumni, parents and friends to promote Lipscomb to prospective students in the United States and beyond.
- Develop brand recognition by increasing marketing and relationship-building with high school counselors, ministry leaders and higher education colleagues to strengthen the local and national reputation of Lipscomb.
- Enhance recruitment, scholarship support and retention initiatives designed to increase the intentional shaping of the student body.
- Grow the number of submitted undergraduate applications and improve the yield rate.
- Increase the 4-year and 6-year graduation rates for undergraduate students to 68% and 75%, respectively, by 2030. As of 2021, the 4-year is 63.3% and 6-year graduation rate is 71.0%.
- Increase the quality and quantity of applications for graduate programs and continue to enhance the effectiveness of centralized graduate enrollment operations.

#### Develop a holistic student success model.

- Improve and enhance student policies and procedures to be more student-focused:
  - Improve alignment of various support service offices (specifically registrar, business office financial aid, and IT) through the development of the Bison One-Stop.
  - Bring the focus of student success to these policies and processes.
- Following best practices, add professional advisors to work with students throughout their college careers to ensure the successful onboarding of, and retention of, students.

- Record and utilize data from student scheduling plans to predict and analyze efficiency of course
   offering demand by semester.
- Develop a culture of mentoring and coaching among faculty campuswide.
- Enhance the Lipscomb Mentoring Network mentoring program that identifies and serves all students, and especially at-risk students.
- Provide professional development in coaching for faculty so they can help students on their path to success
- Utilize student survey data in developing all aspects of the ecology of student success model.
- Collaboration of the Health Center, University Counseling Center and the Office of Student Wellbeing, create and implement a comprehensive plan to promote the mental, physical and emotional health of students, addressing self-image; coping mechanisms; the development of intellectual curiosity toward lifelong learning; and the early promotion of wellbeing to incoming students.
- In collaboration with academics, provide programming and services that contribute to the persistence, retention and graduation goals of the university.
- Increase the retention rate from first to second year for undergraduate students to 90% by 2030. As of 2022, the retention rate is 85%.
- Increase the investment in the Career Development Center's staffing and programming focused on career exploration; professional skills training; financial literacy education; and the promotion of internships and student employment.
  - Increase the internship and career opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.
  - Improve tracking of career placement of undergraduate and graduate students.
- Ensure graduate students experience the same superior support and student services from the university as the undergraduates receive.

#### Develop an integrated approach to student life and engagement to re-energize the student experience for students.

- Develop specific "experience" programs for students at each stage of the college journey.
  - Assess current policies across the university, and develop and implement a strategy that helps new students find meaningful connections and community during the first eight weeks of the fall semester (freshman and transfer experience).
  - Assess current policies across the university. Develop and implement a strategy that helps new students find meaningful connections and community during the sophomore year.
  - Create and implement a plan for student engagement throughout the college experience.
- Develop a thoughtful approach to community life that includes a wide range of enrichment activities and engaging programs that strengthen and deepen foundational student life activities (i.e.: social clubs, intramurals, student government) and align with the changing student demographics and are designed for student leadership and life-skill development.

- Create and implement a comprehensive residential life plan that fosters healthy relationships and community in the residential halls.
- Design a spiritual formation and vocation program that works in tandem with the student success model.
  - Reimagine the chapel program and spiritual formation programming in the residence halls.
  - In collaboration with faculty, create and implement a comprehensive program for vocational discernment in both the undergraduate curriculum and student life co-curriculum.
  - Create an integrated Spiritual Formation plan to bring elements of spiritual formation into every course in each discipline. This can be aligned with Goal 2, and the proposed "Spiritual Life Advisory Council."
- Recruit, hire, develop and retain a diverse student life staff that is characterized by its shared mission, culture of innovation and love for students.

#### **Goal Three: Metrics**

| Strategy   | Primary Owner                                       |
|--|---|
| Recruit, enroll and retain students, who contribute to the intellectual, social and spiritual life of the University.  |   |
| a. Continue to build a campus-wide culture of intentional recruitment and enrollment efforts.  | a. VP Enrollment                                    |
| b. Create an endowed scholarship fund of \$100 million in order to attract<br>high-achieving undergraduate and graduate and professional students who will<br>enhance the ecology of student access and success. (See Goal 5)  | b. SVP Advancement                                  |
| c. Develop strategic relationships with religious, educational and community organizations that provide college access for students who are underrepresented at Lipscomb.  | c. VP Enrollment                                    |
| d. Leverage the influence of alumni, parents and friends to promote Lipscomb to prospective students in the United States and beyond.  | d.SVP Advancement                                   |
| <ul> <li>e. Develop brand recognition by increasing marketing and relationship-building with<br/>high school counselors, ministry leaders and higher education colleagues to<br/>strengthen the local and national reputation of Lipscomb.</li> <li>f. Enhance recruitment, scholarship support and retention initiatives designed to</li> </ul> | e. VP PR,<br>Communications and<br>Marketing        |
| increase the intentional shaping of the student body.<br>g. Grow the number of submitted undergraduate applications to and improve the yield<br>rate.  | f. VP Enrollment                                    |
| h. Increase the 4-year and 6-year graduation rates for undergraduate students to 68% and 78%, respectively, by 2027. As of 2021, the 4-year is 60.3% and 6-year graduation   | g. VP Enrollment                                    |
| rate is 71.3%.   | h. Provost  |
| i. Increase the quality and quantity of applications for graduate programs and continue to enhance the effectiveness of centralized graduate enrollment operations.  | i. Assistant Provost<br>for Graduate<br>Recruitment |

| Measure   | FY23 Baseline           | FY24 Target  |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Ensure faculty and staff partners by college with the | There are point people  | To have one point  |
| admission and enrollment teams                        | in some areas currently | person in each<br>college and other key<br>areas designated as a<br>partner and have |

|  |   | formal training for   |
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|  |   | these individuals   |
| Increase the number of prospective student interactions<br>with faculty each year              | No complete data  | Develop a regular<br>schedule for college<br>and department<br>meetings to take<br>place at a consistent<br>time during each<br>daily schedule tour<br>and visit days and<br>continue to create<br>awareness and<br>synergy with faculty<br>during Lipscomb<br>Friday and other<br>recruitment events.      |
| Make yearly progress toward this endowed scholarship goal<br>(See Goal 5)                      | Average trend data of<br>8% annual increase<br>over the last eight<br>years   | A strategic funding<br>narrative will be<br>completed in FY24<br>which will allow for<br>more meaningful<br>quantitative goals re:<br>endowed<br>scholarships in FY25.<br>In the meantime,<br>additional attention<br>will be directed<br>towards scholarship<br>in FY24. Deans will<br>need to be onboard. |
| Addition of new partnerships and relationships developed each year                             | Continuing to work<br>with Equal Chance for<br>Education (ECE) and<br>other existing partners;<br>signed MOU with<br>Ambassador Education<br>Group in Thailand in<br>FY23 | Identify new<br>partnerships that fit<br>with enrollment<br>objectives; evaluate<br>and deepen<br>connectivity with<br>existing partners  |
| Increase alumni, parents and friends engaged in recruitment activities beyond admissions staff | Limited but not<br>officially tracked<br>currently  | Develop a way for<br>alumni and parents<br>to make known they<br>want to be involved  |

|   |  | in recruiting<br>activities  |
|---|--|--|
| Number of engagement opportunities pursued with key<br>influencers; updated and expanded school counselor<br>database | No data  | By end of FY24 have<br>implemented the<br>first year of a<br>counselor advisory<br>board; continue<br>tracking campus<br>visits and<br>touchpoints |
| Increased applications for first year and transfer students over time   | 4169 freshman apps<br>submitted and 668<br>transfer apps<br>submitted as of<br>7/19/23 | 4,200 freshman apps<br>submitted and 700<br>transfer apps<br>submitted.  |
| % students from diverse backgrounds in each entering first-year and transfer class                                    | 32.5% diversity for the<br>Fall 2023 class as of<br>7/19/23                            | To maintain a<br>diversity percentage<br>between 27%-30%   |
| Increase in 4- and 6-year graduation rates for Pell recipients  | 54% six year grad rate<br>for fall 2014 cohort   | Discover the peer<br>and aspirant % and<br>set a midpoint as a<br>target   |
| Increase in number of applicants  | 5632 freshman app<br>starters; 4169<br>freshman app<br>submitters for Fall 2023        | Goal of 4300<br>freshman app<br>submitters for Fall<br>2024.   |
| Increased yield rate year over year   | 26.1% for Fall 2023<br>freshman class  | Increase yield<br>0.5-1.0% point   |
| % increase in 4- and 6-year graduation rates per time span  | 4-year is 60.3% and<br>6-year graduation rate<br>is 71.3% in 2021.                     | Discover the peer<br>and aspirant average<br>and develop targets   |
| Top of the funnel inquiry increases by graduate programs  | Varies by graduate<br>program area   | Continue to grow<br>number of inquiries<br>at the top of each of<br>the program funnels  |
| Application increases by program  | Varies by graduate<br>program area   | Continue to grow<br>number of applicants<br>for each program   |
| Program director feedback on quality of applications  | No data  | Continue to increase<br>the quality of<br>applicants   |

| Strategy   | Primary Owner            |
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|  |                          |
| Develop a holistic student success model.  |                          |
| j. Improve and enhance student policies and procedures to be more                  | j. Executive VP; Provost |
| student-focused.   |                          |
| Following best practices, add professional schedulers to work with students        |                          |
| throughout their college careers to ensure the successful onboarding of, and       | Provost                  |
| retention of, students.  |                          |
| Record and utilize data from student scheduling plans to predict and analyze       | Drovect                  |
| efficiency of course offering demand by semester.                                  | Provost                  |
| Develop a culture of mentoring and coaching among faculty campuswide.              | Provost                  |
| k. Enhance the Lipscomb Mentoring Network mentoring program that identifies        | k. Executive VP          |
| and serves all students, and especially at-risk students.                          |                          |
| Provide professional development in coaching for faculty so they can help          | Provost                  |
| students on their path to success.   |                          |
| I. Utilize student survey data in developing all aspects of the ecology of student | I. Executive VP          |
| success model.   |                          |
| m. Collaboration of the Health Center, University Counseling Center and the        | m. Executive VP          |
| Office of Student Wellbeing, create and implement a comprehensive plan to          |                          |
| promote the mental, physical and emotional health of students, addressing          |                          |
| self-image; coping mechanisms; the development of intellectual curiosity           |                          |
| toward lifelong learning; and the early promotion of wellbeing to incoming         |                          |
| students.  |                          |
| n. In collaboration with academics, provide programming and services that          | n. Executive VP          |
| contribute to the persistence, retention and graduation goals of the university.   |                          |
| o. Increase the retention rate from first to second year for undergraduate         | o. Provost               |
| students to 90% by 2030. As of 2022, the retention rate is 85%.                    |                          |
| p. Increase the investment in the Career Development Center's staffing and         | p. Executive VP          |
| programming focused on career exploration; professional skills training;           |                          |
| financial literacy education; and the promotion of internships and student         |                          |
| employment.  |                          |
| q. Ensure graduate students experience the same superior support and student       | q. Provost               |
| services from the university as the undergraduates receive.                        |                          |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline            | FY24 Target               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Enrollment: Refine enrollment processes to decrease            | No data                  | Define enrollment         |
| barriers to ensure students enroll with limited frustrations   |                          | process and identify      |
| (business office, financial aid, registrar, IT)                |                          | consistent barriers to    |
|  |                          | timely enrollment         |
| Ongoing students: Decrease number of average issues that       | No data                  | Identify tools and        |
| require touchpoints per student by 50% (business office,       |                          | processes to help         |
| financial aid, registrar, IT)                                  |                          | mitigate barriers         |
| Implement a new framework for the Lipscomb Mentoring           | Developed new            | Implement new             |
| Network that utilizes both faculty/staff mentors along with    | framework <del>5:1</del> | framework for LMN         |
| student peer mentors   |                          | with identified           |
|  |                          | objectives <del>4:1</del> |
| Faculty mentoring enhanced to embrace academic and career      | Nothing formal exists    | Create formal plan        |
| mentoring  |                          |                           |
| Number of participants in the mentoring program                | No disaggregation        | Develop                   |
| disaggregated by diversity statistical categories              |                          | disaggregated data        |
|  |                          | and assess current        |
|  |                          | results                   |
| Engagement, persistence, retention and graduation rates of     | Nothing tracked          | Develop data set so       |
| students that participate in the program                       | currently                | tracking can occur        |
| A comprehensive survey that measures student satisfaction of   | No survey exists         | Develop survey            |
| each element of the student success model                      |                          |                           |
| Annual review of student survey data disaggregated by          | Not available            | Develop                   |
| diversity statistical categories                               |                          | disaggregated data        |
| Number and type of wellbeing presentations throughout the      | To be determined         | Track activity related    |
| academic year along with participation numbers                 |                          | to wellbeing              |
|  |                          | programs and              |
|  |                          | presentations             |
| Number and type of programs associated with student life       | To be determined         | Track participation       |
| along with participation numbers and percentages               |                          | numbers throughout        |
| disaggregated by diversity statistical categories              |                          | the year in the           |
|  |                          | Presence app              |
| Persistence and retention rates of students using programs     | To be determined         | Define terms and          |
| and services disaggregated by diversity statistical categories |                          | develop goals             |
| Increase the internship and career opportunities for           | 62.4% internship; job    | Develop plans for         |
| undergraduate and graduate students                            | placement rate 94%       | intentional academic      |
|  |                          | unit education            |
| Improve tracking of earour placement of updetered upter and    | Current tracking output  | regarding internships     |
| Improve tracking of career placement of undergraduate and      | Current tracking system  | Increase defined          |
| graduate students  | in place                 | activities to improve     |
|  |                          | participation rate        |

| Strategy  | Primary Owner   |
|---|-----------------|
| Develop an integrated approach to student life and engagement to re-energize the student experience for students.   |                 |
| r. Develop specific "experience" programs for students at each stage of the college journey.  | r. Executive VP |
| s. Develop a thoughtful approach to community life that includes a wide range of<br>enrichment activities and engaging programs that strengthen and deepen foundational<br>student life activities (i.e.: social clubs, intramurals, student government) and align with<br>the changing student demographics and are designed for student leadership and life-skill<br>development. | s. Executive VP |
| t. Create and implement a comprehensive residential life plan that fosters healthy relationships and community in the residential halls.  | t. Executive VP |
| u. Design a spiritual formation and vocation program that works in tandem with the student success model.   | u. Executive VP |
| v. Recruit, hire, develop and retain a diverse student life staff that is characterized by its shared mission, culture of innovation and love for students.   | v. Executive VP |

| Measure   | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target  |
|---|---|--|
| Assess current activities across the university, and<br>develop and implement a strategy that helps new<br>students find meaningful connections and<br>community during the first eight weeks of the fall<br>semester (freshman and transfer experiences) | NSO, Move In, Quest,<br>Welcome Back Week and<br>other programmatic and<br>departmental opportunities | Hire a FYE Director and<br>develop a first year<br>experience program that<br>connects new students to<br>the Lipscomb community |
| Reimagine the chapel program and spiritual formation programming on campus  | The Gathering, breakout<br>chapels, and other<br>on-campus experiences                                | Assess and pilot additional<br>ways to approach spiritual<br>formation programming on<br>campus                                  |
| In collaboration with faculty, create and<br>implement a comprehensive program for<br>vocational discernment in both the undergraduate<br>curriculum and student life co-curriculum   | Kickoff of CVD and faculty training   | Faculty engaged in<br>yearlong training<br>opportunities   |

#### Goal Four: Build a culture of diversity, equity and belonging where people thrive as image-bearers of God

Goal Lead: Special Counsel for Diversity & Belonging

#### Strategies:

Center policy development and actions on a theology of diversity, reconciliation and justice based on the life and ministry of Jesus and Scripture.

- Create a task force on diversity with year one and two objectives.
  - Appoint a task force.
  - Ensure the task force develops specific and doable objectives that will be accomplished in year one and two.
  - Clarify and make more explicit the role and responsibilities of the special counsel for diversity, equity, and belonging to the university community.
- Define and broaden the work of the Respect Leads Council in matters concerning diversity, equity and belonging.
  - Expand the work of the council to include DEB-related policy review.
  - Review the campus climate survey results and make specific recommendations based on the results.
  - Explore and provide specific recommendations for improving the campus climate with respect to DEB matters.

Increase hiring and retention of faculty, staff, and administration of historically underrepresented groups; increase the diversity of the University's leadership in all areas.

- Conduct a policy audit to assess institutional policies and practices that decrease the probability of cultivating a diverse community.
  - Adopt some simple, standardized protocols and guidelines to assure searches are fair and meaningfully consider candidates of underrepresented races, ethnicities and genders.
  - Identify methods to retain faculty and staff from underrepresented groups when they are considering leaving the university.
  - Conduct exit interviews with faculty and staff from underrepresented groups when they decide to leave the university to ascertain how we might better serve that population in the future.
- Develop a "grow our own" strategy for developing a more robust representation of faculty and administration from underrepresented groups.
  - Budget for "target of opportunity" faculty hires for candidates from underrepresented groups within the next five years.
  - Work with advancement to raise funds specifically targeted toward this effort.

#### • Mentor future faculty who will be part of the Next Generation Faculty Program.

#### Provide ongoing support to students, faculty, staff and administration of underrepresented groups.

- Develop a more welcoming and nurturing mentoring, social and spiritual environment for faculty and staff from underrepresented groups.
- Establish annual listening groups for different subsections of faculty and staff from historically underrepresented groups.
- Provide robust and varied university communications on matters related to diversity, equity and belonging at Lipscomb.
- Implement practices to assure that all students have an opportunity to feel a sense of belonging and community.
- Support and promote the work of the Office of Intercultural Development.
- Develop a more welcoming and nurturing social and spiritual environment for students from underrepresented groups.
  - Engage underrepresented alumni groups to mentor and support current students.
  - Promote and support the ENGAGE program offered by the College of Bible and Ministry.
  - Continue to support multicultural and multiracial groups.
  - Examine diversity education in general education requirements.
  - Engage representatives from both faculty and student life on the Bias Incident Team.
    - Audit and reexamine the Bias Incident Policy.
    - Audit current policies and processes of discipline with respect to incidences of racism and discrimination.
- Create a resource center that houses all disability services including assessment for students; resources for students, families and faculty; training for students, faculty and staff; and support services for students, including ensuring all applicable laws are followed.
- Work to reduce the stigma of having a disability on campus through training and education.
  - Training from a disability perspective
  - Training from an accessibility perspective
  - Training from a student perspective

#### Enhance the University's engagement with alumni, churches and communities of historically underrepresented groups.

- Create a task force, composed in part by advancement, alumni affairs, Lipscomb Black Alumni Council, student life, and office of the president to focus on this strategy.
- Implement engagement practices to increase the percentage of active alumni of historically underrepresented groups.

#### **Goal Four: Metrics**

#### Strategy

Primary Owner

Center policy development and actions on a theology of diversity, reconciliation and justice based on the life and ministry of Jesus and Scripture.

- a. Create a task force on diversity with year one and two objectives.
- a. SC Diversity and Belonging
- b. Define and broaden the work of the Respect Leads Council in addressing matters concerning diversity, equity and belonging.
- b. SC Diversity and Belonging

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline                                     | FY24 Target  |
|--|---|--|
| Task force created and year one and two objectives defined by task force |   | Year two objectives<br>defined and shared;<br>objectives in progress<br>and moving           |
| Redefine the work of Respect Leads Council                               | Respect Leads Council in<br>place from prior year | Respect Leads Council<br>working in partnership<br>with task force on year<br>two objectives |

| Strategy  | Primary Owner                 |
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| Increase hiring and retention of faculty, staff and administration of historically underrepresented groups; increase the diversity of the University's leadership in all areas. |                               |
| <ul> <li>Conduct a policy audit to assess institutional policies and practices<br/>that decrease the probability of cultivating a diverse community.</li> </ul>                 | c. Provost; General Counsel   |
| <ul> <li>Develop a "grow our own" strategy for developing a more robust<br/>representation of faculty and administration from underrepresented<br/>groups.</li> </ul>           | d. SC Diversity and Belonging |

| Measure  | FY22 Baseline | FY23 Target         |
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| Policy audit to determine if any structural barriers to increasing |               | •                   |
| racially and ethnically diverse community                          |               | any recommendations |
|  |               | are in place        |

| Develop "Grow Your Own" strategy for developing more robust | Next Generation Faculty    | Identify next steps for |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| representation of faculty and administrators from           | Program in place with      | continual growth and    |
| underrepresented groups                                     | first recipient identified | mentorship for the      |
|   | and funded                 | Next Generation         |
|   |                            | Faculty Program         |

| Strategy   |  | Primary Owner                 |  |  |  |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Provide ongoing support to students, faculty, staff and administration of underrepresented groups. |  |                               |  |  |  |
| e.   | Develop a more welcoming and nurturing mentoring, social and spiritual environment for faculty and staff from underrepresented groups.   | e. SC Diversity and Belonging |  |  |  |
| f.   | Establish annual listening groups for different subsections of faculty and staff from historically underrepresented groups.  | f. SC Diversity & Belonging   |  |  |  |
| g.   | Provide robust and varied university communications on matters related to diversity, equity and belonging at Lipscomb.   | g. VP PR and Communications   |  |  |  |
| h.   | Implement practices to assure that all students have an opportunity to feel a sense of belonging and community.  | h. Executive VP               |  |  |  |
| i.   | Support and promote the work of the Office of Intercultural<br>Development.  | i. Executive VP               |  |  |  |
| j.   | Develop a more welcoming and nurturing social and spiritual environment for students from underrepresented groups.   | j. Executive VP               |  |  |  |
| k.   | Engage representatives from both faculty and student life on the Bias<br>Incident Team.  | k. Provost; Executive VP      |  |  |  |
| Ι.   | Create a resource center that houses all disability services including<br>assessment for students; resources for students, families, and faculty;<br>training for students, faculty, and staff; and support services for<br>students, including ensuring all applicable laws are followed. | l. Provost                    |  |  |  |
| m.   | Work to reduce the stigma of having a disability on campus through training and education.   | m. Provost                    |  |  |  |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline  | FY24 Target   |
|--|--|---|
| Develop mentoring for faculty and staff from<br>underrepresented groups    | Mentoring opportunities for faculty and staff offered and in place | Identified next steps for<br>continued growth and<br>support established            |
| Annual listening groups for faculty and staff from underrepresented groups | Initial listening sessions and follow-up provided                  | Continue offering<br>Intentional listening<br>sessions and follow-up in<br>year two |

| Communications of DEB are robust and varied          | Annual publication started    | Annual diversity report       |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | in 2021 and periodic          | published each September;     |
|  | e-newsletters highlighting    | electronic diversity reports  |
|  | DEB efforts and progress      | published in the winter,      |
|  |                               | spring and summer             |
| Practices implemented to ensure all students have    | SSI Baseline                  | Utilize assessment data in    |
| an opportunity to feel a sense of belonging and      |                               | decision-making and           |
| community  |                               | planning for future student   |
|  |                               | engagement                    |
| Support and promote work of Office of Intercultural  | Student life promotes         | Student related diversity     |
| Development  | efforts in Have you Herd;     | events will be promoted on    |
|  | promoted on Instagram         | social media and other        |
|  |                               | identified communication      |
|  |                               | channels                      |
| Develop welcoming social and spiritual environment   |                               | Breakout chapels and other    |
| for students from underrepresented groups            | all types of student groups   | programs will be promoted     |
|  |                               | as part of the breakout and   |
|  |                               | Gathering offerings.          |
| Engage representatives from faculty and student life |                               | The dean of community life    |
| team on the Bias Incident Team                       | incident team and explained   | will present current          |
|  | the process for handling      | guidelines to faculty during  |
|  | student complaints to         | fall orientation; goal 4 Task |
|  | faculty at August orientation | Force will help develop       |
|  |                               | new guidelines for this       |
|  |                               | team                          |
| Create a resource center that houses all disability  | Disability services are not   | The new Office of             |
| services   | housed under one umbrella     | Accessibility and Learning    |
|  | center or with one overall    | Supports will be created      |
|  | leader                        |                               |
| Work to reduce stigma of having a disability on      | No task force in place        | A task force will be          |
| campus through training and education                |                               | appointed and operational     |
|  |                               |                               |

| Strategy   | Primary Owner      |
|--|--------------------|
| Enhance the University's engagement with alumni, churches and communities of historically underrepresented groups.   |                    |
| n. Create a task force, composed in part by advancement, alumni affairs, Lipscomb<br>Black Alumni Council, student life, and the office of the president to focus on<br>this strategy. | n. SVP Advancement |
| <ul> <li>o. Implement engagement practices to increase the percentage of active alumni of<br/>historically underrepresented groups.</li> </ul>   | o. SVP Advancement |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline          | FY24 Target   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Create a task force focused on this strategy<br>(development, alumni affairs, LBAC, student life,<br>office of the president) and implement engagement<br>practices identified | No task force in place | Reset LBAC leadership to<br>culminate with the Bison<br>Weekend meeting.<br>Establish a task force to<br>inform engagement<br>strategies. |

#### Goal Five: Expand our engagement, influence and impact by forging deep connections with communities, organizations and alumni

Team Lead: Senior Vice President for Advancement

#### Strategies:

#### Prioritize and enhance alumni and parent programming and services.

- Adopt best practices and coordinate across the University to measure alumni and parent engagement and satisfaction.
  - Encourage consistent use of a unified CRM system across campus to coordinate outreach and follow up activities and ensure maximum connection with alumni.
  - Comprehensive inventory and assessment of current systems, processes and activities related to alumni engagement.
  - Encourage the use of alumni branding throughout the University.
  - Establish a consistent brand for the alumni office and how we refer to our alumni as a whole.
- Utilize technology solutions to develop, make known and leverage the Lipscomb Alumni Network within various geographic, professional and personal circles.
  - Implement an online alumni engagement system across campus to allow for greater networking, learning, and growth opportunities.
- Expand and promote career services offerings to more fully engage and equip students and alumni throughout their careers.
- Implement an online alumni engagement system across campus to allow for greater networking, learning and growth opportunities.
  - ← Create ways for students to engage with the system before graduation.
  - Allow students and alums to both choose the levels of interaction and support they'd like to have as a part of the Lipscomb tree.
- Engage alumni in true dialogue while being the primary source of information.
- Create an intentional approach around meeting our alumni in their communities/time of life.
  - Implement a Tier One and Tier Two approach to regional alumni events.
  - Host signature local events to connect with alumni.
  - Increase the number of Lipscomb based affinity groups based on geography, industry, within large companies, interests or other categories.
- Create and nurture affinity groups for alumni based on various commonalities.
  - Increase the number of Lipscomb based affinity groups based on geography, industry, within large companies, interests or other categories.

- Improve use of existing opportunities for alumni and friends of Lipscomb to meet and connect with current students and programs at Lipscomb.
- Rebrand and expand Lifelong Learning to serve alumni and friends of Lipscomb through different stages of their lives.
  - Rebrand, refocus and increase offerings to meet identified needs.
  - Facilitate more promotion of and participation in non-credit offerings and short courses.
  - Leverage alumni and friends of the university to teach these courses.
  - ← Offer an on-demand user interface using a subscription-based model for non-credit content.
- Treat students as alumni.

#### Create a wide range of philanthropic support to help sustain the financial stability of the institution.

- Develop and launch an eight-year plan to double the endowment with a focus on funding student scholarships.
  - Double scholarship endowment to over \$100 million.
  - Double overall endowment to over \$200 million.
- Create a focused approach in growing Lipscomb's base of donors.
  - Increase the base support of donors by 5% every year.
  - Increase number and size of leadership annual gifts (\$1,000 \$25,000).
  - Create a culture of giving during the student experience.
  - Increase overall parent giving to the University.
- Solidify donors and dollars to the Lipscomb Fund.

#### Create opportunities to impact the community outside the walls of campus.

- Identify a designated leader on campus through whom we coordinate engagements with government, corporate and community relations.
  - Create a central clearinghouse for situational awareness on corporate and government engagement.
  - Conduct a regional economic impact study regarding Lipscomb University's contribution to Middle Tennessee.
- Position the university as an engaged institution and thought leader in and across Middle Tennessee.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Build strong relationships with community leaders and organizations.
    - Communicate Lipscomb's story to leaders in the region and across the state of Tennessee to strengthen relationships and advance the institution's priorities.
    - Foster relationships with Mayors, Vice Mayors, City Councils or County Commissions, School Directors and other key officials.
  - Identify nonprofits and community organizations that have an existing relationship with Lipscomb University or need to engage at a deeper level with the institution.
    - Survey the institution's current engagement with nonprofit and community organizations.
    - Identify gaps in which the institution does not have current representation or involvement.

- Cultivate relationships with leaders and stakeholders involved in these organizations and issues.
- Host key events and forums that help build and strengthen the relationships.
- Build a database of faculty, staff and leadership that serve on nonprofit boards or are members of community organizations.
- Highlight and encourage opportunities for volunteer and service opportunities such as United Way "Stuff the Bus", MLK Service Day and other activities that are community focused.
- Introduce organizations to the University Volunteer Center to highlight volunteer and philanthropic engagement opportunities.
- Strategically partner with organizations to host events on campus.
- Identify a core group of regional challenges to engage, causes to support and issues in which to be the regions' recognized experts.
  - Partner with individuals and organizations working on identified challenges or issues.
  - Creation of a cross-referenced list of Lipscomb subject matter experts and top regional issues to be addressed.
    - Create comprehensive database inventory of subject matter experts across campus and regularly share that resource with strategically appropriate outlets.
    - Expand to state and national level within those areas
  - Highlight existing signature events to engage and rally the community around.
    - Invite surrounding neighbors and businesses to attend and engage with the university.
- Develop an intentional structure for interacting with the federal and state government.
  - Federal Government
    - Communicate the Lipscomb University narrative to federal officials to advance and protect the university's priorities.
      - Cultivate relationships with elected officials and staff in the executive and legislative branches.
      - Introduce both faculty and staff to officials via travel or visits to campus.
    - Monitor executive orders, legislation and agency actions for potential impact to the university.
    - Expand partnerships in Washington, D.C. with higher education associations.
    - Introduces the "Beltway Bisons" group for alumni and friends of Lipscomb working in and around the federal government.
    - Explore and increase the university's grant activity.
      - Prioritize the federal departments or agencies the university wants to target its grant applications.
      - Increase the number of grant opportunities applied for and received.
  - State Government

- Communicate the Lipscomb University narrative to state officials to advance and protect the university's priorities.
  - Cultivate relationships with elected officials and staff in the executive and legislative branches.
  - Introduce both faculty and staff to officials via visits to campus or attending events on or around the Tennessee State Capitol.
- Monitor executive orders, legislation and department actions for potential impact to the university.
- Strengthen and expand partnerships with groups such as TICUA, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and other professional associations.
- Introduce the "Tri-Star Bisons" group for alumni and friends of Lipscomb working in and around state government.
- Explore and increase the university's grant activity.
  - Prioritize the state departments or agencies the university wants to target its grant applications
  - Increase the number of grant opportunities applied for and received
- Create a holistic approach to engage with corporations and foundations.
  - Coordinate the corporate relation activity among the university and academy stakeholder.
    - Convene a regular meeting of individuals focused on corporate relations and best practices.
    - Build a structure that identifies the top corporations engaged with the university.
    - Create proposals that encompass a larger engagement as opposed to individual requests.
    - Create a program that welcomes new corporations and executives to Middle Tennessee.
      - Cultivate relationships with economic development efforts to serve prospective employers and workforce needs.
      - Send correspondence to new corporations and executive teams and invite them to campus or an event.
    - Survey the university's engagement with private foundations.
      - Build a database of existing relationships with foundation and executives.
      - Determine university priorities that align with local, regional and national foundation interests.
      - Engage and build relationships with local and regional organizations that serve foundations.
      - Increase the number of grant requests to private foundations.

#### Cultivate a campus environment designed to create passionate fans of Lipscomb.

- Support and promote Center for Vocational Discovery. (See Goal 2)
- Launch a campus-wide volunteer service center.
  - Promote and coordinate service opportunities for students, faculty, staff, alums and friends of Lipscomb.

 Identify an intentional use of these opportunities as a way to connect current students, alums, fans and friends of Lipscomb.

- Create a culture that regularly promotes, encourages and recognizes service to others within the campus environment and throughout our Lipscomb community.
- Create, re-establish or identify and elevate key events and traditions throughout the year.
  - Increase efforts to start developing school pride early.
    - Share traditions; give students opportunities and encouragement to create and promote new traditions; heavily promote opportunities to be involved with student life activities early on.
    - Incentivize varied engagement on campus in during the first year of attendance in order to create greater collective enthusiasm for the Lipscomb experience
  - Start, identify and elevate key events and traditions throughout the year.
    - Increase social media presence before, during and after events with heavy emphasis on student anticipation, reaction and reflection.
  - Recognize and use the "firsts" and "lasts" in a college lifecycle to make a memorable impact.
- Collaborate with Goal 4 to ensure that underrepresented groups are valued and engaged with campus life.
  - Work with Goal 4 leadership to identify underrepresented groups among campus community and alumni and develop potential leadership within groups with whom to start working.
  - Work with student life and the Office of Public Relations and Communications to develop strategy for support and promotion.
- Intentionally and regularly celebrate and share with the campus community and appropriate external constituencies the departmental and staff "wins" across campus.
  - Develop and disseminate concise, coordinated and regular communication throughout the university.
  - Look for opportunities to lead in cross-promotion with a goal of greater collective enthusiasm about all aspects of Lipscomb life.
- Share stories with current students of how they've benefited from the philanthropic spirit and service of alums and friends of Lipscomb.
  - Use a variety of media to tell those stories and find times to bring them face-to-face with those who've helped them.

#### Engage communities with Lipscomb's story and mission more broadly, boldly and consistently.

- Create a dashboard of social media accounts related to success in this area and then work to improve content and distribution strategy so as to grow accounts.
- Create intentional communications cadences with a greater sensitivity to using the most effective methods and channels based on the targeted audience to more effectively touch base and engage alumni, organizations and communities throughout the year.
- Increase the number and frequency of student success stories with alumni and the community to reinforce the value of their degree and support.

### **Goal Five: Metrics**

| Strategy   | Primary Owner      |
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| Prioritize and enhance alumni and parent programming and services.   |                    |
| a. Adopt best practices and coordinate across the University to measure alumni/parent engagement and satisfaction.   | a. SVP Advancement |
| b. Utilize technology solutions to develop, make known and leverage the Lipscomb<br>Alumni Network within various geographic, professional and personal circles. | b. SVP Advancement |
| c. Expand and promote career services offerings to more fully engage and equip students and alumni throughout their careers.                                     | c. SVP Advancement |
| d. Engage alumni and parents in true dialogue while being the primary source of information.   | d. SVP Advancement |
| e. Create an intentional approach around meeting our alumni in their communities/time of life.   | e. SVP Advancement |
| f. Improve use of existing opportunities for alumni and friends of Lipscomb to meet with and connect with current students and programs at Lipscomb.             | f. SVP Advancement |
| g. Rebrand and expand Lifelong Learning/Travel to promote continuing education and learning for alumni and friends.  | g. SVP Advancement |
| h. Treat students as future alumni.  | h. SVP Advancement |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline  | FY24 Target   |
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| Report submitted to the new SVP of Advancement before<br>his start date in order to determine what should be<br>increased, decreased or eliminated | Get feedback for SVP<br>into report for alumni<br>relations; report needs<br>to be developed   | Done and completed in FY23.   |
| 100% of University's external events and<br>alumni/parent/donor activity reflected in Advancement's<br>Blackbaud system                            | 5%; there is very<br>limited usage of the<br>system as it has not<br>been shared widely<br>across campus;<br>advancement is the<br>only department<br>currently using<br>Blackbaud | Develop a plan with<br>appropriate<br>benchmarks; roll out<br>system to campus<br>units with<br>endorsement by<br>university leadership |
| Acquire new members each year in first three years of<br>Graduway system   | System not yet<br>activated  | Prioritize Graduway<br>into resources to<br>complete this<br>project; develop a<br>plan with<br>appropriate                             |

| Increase number of alumni and parents who engaged with<br>Lipscomb through attending an event or volunteering                      | No plan currently in place                                 | benchmarks; set a<br>target of 300<br>members a year for<br>the next three years<br>Develop a plan with<br>appropriate<br>benchmarks in order<br>to have one straight |
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| Develop and scale communication to current parents   | System not yet<br>activated                                | year of reduction<br>Establish a process<br>before graduation<br>for alumni to register<br>for Graduway;<br>develop a plan with<br>appropriate<br>benchmarks          |
| Host a number of events to engage with alumni and parents regionally   | System not yet<br>activated                                | Develop a plan with<br>appropriate<br>benchmarks  |
| First run list and potential affinity-group leaders developed by end of 2022   | 1 group currently<br>active (LBAC)                         | Establish top three<br>affinity groups and<br>their leaders based<br>upon alumni goals  |
| Number of community events in a fiscal year in which<br>Lipscomb is able to directly connect current students and<br>alums/friends | 5 currently hosted by<br>Alumni Office<br>exclusively      | Create metrics<br>around events for<br>best practices;<br>develop a plan with<br>appropriate<br>benchmarks  |
| Relaunch new version of Lifelong Learning by fall 2023   | Current lifelong<br>learning program in<br>place           | Develop a task force<br>to create a new<br>vision; develop a<br>plan and vision to<br>explore new options   |
| Three consecutive year-over-year increases in online and in person education for Lifelong Learning                                 | Enrollment: 85 people<br>per semester (target<br>age- 50+) | Explore options to<br>increase program<br>offerings and<br>enrollment, and<br>determine<br>appropriate goals  |

| Strategy  | Primary Owner      |
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| <i>Create a wide range of philanthropic support to help sustain the financial stability of the institution.</i> |                    |
| i. Develop and launch an eight-year plan to double the endowment with a focus on funding student scholarships.  | i. SVP Advancement |
| j. Create a focused approach in growing Lipscomb's base of donors.  | j. SVP Advancement |
| k. Solidify donors and dollars to the Lipscomb Fund.  | k. SVP Advancement |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline  | FY24 Target  |
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| Examine current endowment total with specific interest in identifying donors who may have interest in giving for this purpose. | Average increase from<br>previous eight year is<br>8%  | Develop a six year<br>plan and gift<br>pyramid to double<br>endowed scholarship  |
| Increase recurring gifts and emphasize donor count.  | No intended focus<br>around recurring<br>giving. Donor count is<br>emphasized<br>occasionally and not<br>consistently. | Establish a monthly<br>giving program and<br>provide reporting to<br>campus areas<br>around donor count<br>to keep donor<br>retention at top of<br>mind. |
| Build on momentum of Giving Day success to increase new and recurring donors.  | 4100 Donors and 2.1 million raised   | Increase in donors<br>by 5% and a larger<br>giving window will<br>be created to<br>capture more donors   |
| Expand Annual Giving's digital efforts to decrease reliance<br>on traditional giving channels.                                 | Direct Mail and calling<br>program gifts are in<br>decline. Online gifts<br>are on the rise.                           | Identify additional<br>crowdfunding<br>projects and<br>transition smaller<br>direct mail appeals<br>to digital.  |
| Increase prospect visits with those who have leadership annual giving capacity.  | Due to staffing and<br>leadership changes, no<br>staffing to focus on<br>these visits.                                 | Hire up to three<br>leadership annual<br>gift officers who will<br>carry a portfolio of  |

|   |   | 250-300 individuals  |
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| Restart Lipscomb Associates program to increase leadership annual giving donors.              | Plan is outdated from previous leadership.  | New plan approved<br>by President and<br>implemented in FY24   |
| Develop a giving plan for each class and create a developed senior class gift plan.           | Students were<br>solicited during annual<br>Giving Day. Senior<br>Class gift occurred but<br>not in the traditional<br>way. | Senior Class Gift will<br>solicit students for<br>gifts. A plan for FY25<br>will be in place for<br>each class of<br>students. |
| Establish a parent council to find parent leadership who will invest financially to Lipscomb. | Director of Parent<br>Engagement hired.   | 20-25 couples have<br>been secured with a<br>\$5,000 giving<br>minimum with one<br>couple serving as<br>chairs of the council. |

| Strategy  | Primary Owner                               |
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| <i>Create opportunities to impact the community outside the walls of campus.</i>  |   |
| I. Identify a designated leader on campus through whom we coordinate engagements with government, corporate and community relations.  | I. VP Government and Community Relations    |
| m. Position the university as an engaged institution and thought leader in and across Middle Tennessee.   | m. VP Government and<br>Community Relations |
| <ul> <li>n. Develop an intentional structure for interacting with federal and state government.</li> <li>o. Create a holistic approach to engage with corporations and</li> </ul> | n. VP Government and Community<br>Relations |
| foundations.  | o. VP Government and Community<br>Relations |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline            | FY24 Target           |
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| Identify or hire an individual or office to manage the       | An individual has been   | There will be a       |
| process; create a process for notifying individual or office | identified and effort is | regular update and    |
| about existing and new engagements with government,          | underway to create       | check in with         |
| corporate and community officials; create a venue or         | regular touchpoints      | university leadership |
| communication channel to share with leadership.              | regarding the            | regarding key         |

| Identify non-profit and community organizations that are<br>currently engaged in a substantive manner with the<br>institution; create a database of organizations in which the<br>institution currently partners; evaluate current nonprofit<br>and community sponsorships and look for strategic<br>opportunities to partner with new organizations.   | university's<br>engagement with<br>government, corporate<br>and community<br>officals.<br>Nonprofits and<br>community<br>organizations that<br>partner with the<br>university and<br>individual colleges have<br>been identified.   | engagement<br>touchpoints in the<br>areas of government,<br>corporate, and<br>community relations<br>Narrow down and<br>identify key<br>nonprofit and<br>community<br>organizations the<br>university needs to<br>engage with in an<br>ongoing, substantive<br>manner. |
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| Create a process for interacting with elected officials and<br>staff through one official channel; convene a meeting with<br>leadership and other interested parties during legislative<br>session to review and discuss policy implications of<br>proposed legislation; create a regular policy update to share<br>with campus leaders and community; create an affinity<br>group of alumni and friends working in and around state<br>government and brand it "Tri-Star Bisons"; create an affinity<br>group of alumni and friends working in and around<br>Washington, D.C. and brand it "Beltway Bisons"; plan and<br>make preparations for a "Day on the Hill" at the State<br>Capitol | An ad hoc process for<br>engaging elected<br>officials and staff exists<br>along with semi-regular<br>policy and touchpoint<br>updates.   | Create a robust and<br>regular update of<br>policy updates and<br>touchpoints with<br>elected officials/staff.<br>Host a Lipscomb Day<br>on the Hill at the<br>State Capitol with an<br>official list of<br>"Tri-Star Bisons"  |
| Identify corporations and foundations that have engaged<br>with the university via donations, sponsorship, or in a formal<br>manner that engages students, faculty, and staff; create a<br>database of corporate and foundation relationships and<br>interested targets; identify individuals with corporate or<br>foundation relations as part of their work responsibilities or<br>portfolio; establish a Corporate and Foundation Relations<br>Council that convenes colleges, departments, and<br>individuals regularly to share best practices, wins and<br>setbacks, and relationship mapping   | A working list of key<br>corporations and<br>foundations has been<br>created to engage. In<br>addition to the list,<br>regular check-ins occur<br>with Deans and other<br>leaders across campus<br>around current and<br>potential corporate and<br>foundation<br>engagement. | Create an internal<br>working group of<br>individuals who<br>engage or<br>communicate with<br>corporations and<br>foundations.<br>Continue to create<br>and refine policies<br>around corporate<br>relations<br>engagement.  |

| Strategy  | Primary Owner                             |
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| Cultivate a campus environment designed to create passionate fans of Lipscomb.  |   |
| p. Support and promote Center for Vocational Discovery. (See Goal 2)  | p. SC Strategy                            |
| Launch a campus-wide volunteer service center.  | Executive VP                              |
| <ul> <li>q. Create a culture that regularly promotes, encourages and recognizes<br/>service to others within the campus environment and throughout our<br/>Lipscomb community.</li> </ul> | q. VP of Human Resources                  |
| r. Create, re-establish or identify and elevate key events and traditions throughout the year.  | r. Executive VP                           |
| s. Collaborate with Goal 4 to ensure that underrepresented groups are valued and engaged with campus life.  | s. SC Diversity and Belonging             |
| t. Intentionally and regularly celebrate and share with the campus community and appropriate external constituencies the departmental and staff "wins" across campus.                     | t. VP PR, Communications and<br>Marketing |
| <ul> <li>u. Share stories with current students of how they've benefited from the<br/>philanthropic spirit and service of alums and friends of Lipscomb.</li> </ul>                       | u. VP PR, Communications and<br>Marketing |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline  | FY24 Target   |
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| Service recognition completed and released to campus and community               | Initial plan created   | Implement and develop communication for plan  |
| Identify opportunities for student engagement                                    | Identify from student life<br>the opportunities for<br>students to connect and<br>engage   | Partner with key areas<br>across campus to look for<br>opportunities to better<br>connect all students to the<br>university |
| Share 20 stories about current students at before the end of 2022-23 school year | From 6/1/21-6/1/22 - 41<br>stories about current<br>students were published on<br>the university's news hub<br>(www.lipscomb.edu/news) | Develop a plan and create<br>appropriate benchmarks   |

| Strategy  | Primary Owner                          |
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| Engage communities with Lipscomb's story and mission more broadly, boldly and consistently.   | -                                      |
| v. Create a dashboard of social media accounts related to success in this area<br>and then work to improve content and distribution strategy so as to grow<br>accounts. | v. VP PR, Communications and Marketing |

w. Create intentional communications cadences with a greater sensitivity to using the most effective methods and channels based on the targeted audience to more effectively touch base and engage alumni, organizations and communities throughout the year. w. VP PR, Communications and Marketing

x. Increase the number and frequency of student success stories with alumni and the community to reinforce the value of their degree and support. x. VP PR, Communications and Marketing

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target  |
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| Using Labor Day as baseline, three straight years<br>of 3% or more increase in each account's<br>followers along with increases in all other relevant<br>metrics identified                | Will update the baseline #s<br>on Labor Day as this will<br>change over the next three<br>months. But, currently the #<br>of followers for each<br>platform as of 6/13/22 is:<br>LinkedIn (30,028 followers);<br>X (formerly Twitter) (11,799<br>followers); Facebook<br>(18,811 followers);<br>Instagram (11,401<br>followers)   | Use baseline data to<br>develop a plan   |
| Three straight year increase in total percentage of<br>alumni reached at least once every six months and<br>total number of non-alumni community members<br>reached at least once per year | Monthly e-newsletter to all<br>alumni; print version of<br>Lipscomb Now; diversity<br>e-newsletter once a<br>semester and the annual<br>diversity report;annual<br>research e-newsletter  | Develop an intentional<br>communications cadence<br>after completing a<br>communications audit;<br>define non-alumni<br>community members;<br>develop a communications<br>plan with identified<br>benchmarks |
| Three straight year reduction in % of opt outs from Lipscomb communications  | The opt-out rate for the last<br>electronic Lipscomb Now<br>e-newsletter was 0.3% or 63<br>individuals who opted out<br>out of 22,427 emails that<br>were successfully delivered;<br>the opt-out rate of the May<br>23 McQueen's Memo was:<br>team version: out of 1,069<br>successfully delivered there<br>were 0 opt-outs; student<br>version: out of 2,196<br>successfully delivered there | Consider new or enhanced communication channels  |

| communications initiative           | to faculty, staff and alumni<br>with stories included about<br>new accreditations, success<br>stories and other PR<br>highlights and sent once a<br>semester.  | these publications and<br>launch a new e-newsletter,<br>Bison Wins, that is a<br>top-ten accomplishments<br>sent at the end of the fall<br>and spring semesters |
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| New regularly-released "Bison Wins" | Lipscomb Now e-newsletter  | To continue production of   |
|                                     | was 1 opt-out for a 0.1%<br>rate; latest Alumni eNews<br>was successfully delivered<br>to 18,801 individuals and<br>out of that number 24<br>opted out for a 0.1%<br>opt-out rate; diversity<br>e-newsletter: out of 27,702<br>successfully delivered to<br>alumni, faculty and staff,<br>279 opted out for an<br>opt-out rate of 1% |   |

### Goal Six: Empower and sustain a culture of effectiveness, efficiency, collaboration and financial strength across our community

Goal Lead: Senior Vice President of Finance & Technology

### Strategies:

Develop and use a common framework to manage performance, engagement and well-being for all employees.

- Define an evaluation framework that promotes continual improvement, cross training, succession planning and leadership pipeline development.
- Define a common evaluation process timeline for all personnel.
  - Self-assessment & goals (May)
  - Manager Annual Assessment (Jun-Aug)
  - Performance Increases (Dec 1)
- Launch training and develop initial team and employee goals for FY23.
- Define and implement a common employee engagement framework to measure employee satisfaction and engagement on an ongoing basis.
- Increase opportunities for employee development.
  - HR employee engagement
  - HR staff evaluation
  - Provost faculty evaluation
  - CTL (retool or reset focus) training and development for faculty and staff
- Increase opportunities for leadership development. (See ERM)

#### Develop a "one-stop" approach for the entire lifecycle of student services.

- Define target scope of service functions for inclusion in Bison One-Stop
- Develop a phased plan for implementation of target functions.
- In conjunction with academics, develop a journey map for the student to help students have a successful experience.
- Execute implementation plan by phase, tuning plan based on experience.
- Evaluate and implement self-service alternatives where appropriate.

### Enhance our financial key performance indicators through endowment growth, debt reduction and operating margin improvement.

- Endowment (See Goal 5)
  - Develop and launch an eight-year plan to double the endowment with a focus on funding student scholarships. (See Goal 5)
  - Double scholarship endowment to over \$100 million. (See Goal 5)

- Double overall endowment to over \$200 million. (See Goal 5)
- Financial optimization
  - Define an overall annual budget process that is consistent, predictable and links budget adjustments to strategic funding priorities, net tuition revenue growth and adjustment of program funding balanced by accreditation requirements.
  - Develop specific strategies for increased net tuition revenue in partnership with Enrollment.
  - Create a reliable, repeatable financial model for the sunrise, shore-up and sunset of all programs.
  - Develop processes that increase the use of shared services and create synergies and efficiencies across business units.
- Operating margin improvement
  - Identify and pursue opportunities to strategically pay down debt, prioritizing the opportunities based upon interest cost and operating savings generated.

### **Goal Six: Metrics**

| Strate | gγ   | Primary Owner                |
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|        | op and use a common framework to manage performance,<br>ement and well-being for all employees.  |                              |
| a.     | Define an evaluation framework that promotes continual improvement, cross training, succession planning and leadership pipeline development. | a. SC Strategy               |
| b.     | Define a common evaluation process timeline for all personnel.   | b. SC Strategy               |
| с.     | Launch training and develop initial team and employee goals for FY23.  | c. SC Strategy               |
| d.     | Define and implement a common employee engagement framework<br>to measure employee satisfaction and engagement on an ongoing<br>basis.       | d. SC Strategy               |
| e.     | Increase opportunities for employee development.   | e. SC Strategy; Executive VP |
| f.     | Increase opportunities for leadership development. (See ERM)   | f. SC Strategy; Executive VP |

| Measure   | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target   |
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| Adoption - % of employees with defined performance goals                  | Piloted with senior<br>leadership and their<br>direct reports during<br>2022-2023 | 100% adoption for all<br>employees during<br>2023-2024                  |
| Rigor - % of employees with on-time completion of evaluation cycle        | Piloted with senior<br>leadership and their<br>direct reports during<br>2022-2023 | 100% on-time<br>completion for all<br>employees during<br>2023-2024     |
| Results - Employee Engagement Survey Results                              | Utilize Great Colleges<br>survey data as<br>baseline                              | Identify opportunities<br>for growth based on<br>initial survey results |
| Results - Employee Turnover %   | 11%: March-Nov 2021   | Develop planned and<br>unplanned attrition<br>targets                   |
| No recommendations from SACSCOC on faculty and staff evaluation standards | No recommendations  | No recommendations  |

| Strat | egy   | Primary Owner                         |
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|       | lop a "one-stop" approach for the entire lifecycle of student   |                                       |
| servi | ces.  |                                       |
| g     | . Define target scope of service functions for inclusion in Bison<br>One-Stop.                                      | g. Special Assistant to the President |
| h     | . Develop a phased plan for implementation of target functions.   | h. Special Assistant to the President |
| i.    | In conjunction with academics, develop a journey map for the student to help students have a successful experience. | i. Special Assistant to the President |
| j.    | Execute implementation plan by phase, tuning plan based on experience.  | j. Special Assistant to the President |
| k     | . Evaluate and implement self-service alternatives where appropriate.   | k. Special Assistant to the President |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target  |
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| % of targeted functions incorporated in Bison One-Stop     | Kickoff of Bison<br>One-Stop with<br>FAQ website developed<br>across all functions to<br>resolve level 1 issues | 45%- Cross-trained<br>team of staff from<br>financial aid,<br>registrar's office,<br>business office, and<br>IT fully functioning to<br>resolve level 2 and 3<br>issues<br>Remain at 100%<br>staffing from<br>Business Office,<br>Financial Aid,<br>Registrar's Office,<br>and IT while<br>resolving level 1-3<br>issues |
| Number of logged visits to One Stop                        | 0   | 2,500 logged visits  |
| % of issues resolved within initial Bison One-Stop contact | Not currently tracked   | Implement a tracking<br>system and achieve<br>an 80% resolution<br>rate at first contact.<br>Same day resolution<br>rate: 83% fall/85%<br>spring per end of the<br>semester student<br>survey  |

| Parent satisfaction survey results                    | No baseline                                    | Define and rollout<br>survey; 600<br>responses and a 45<br>NPS  |
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| Improvement in SSI Results for -student service areas | Responses in SSI, but<br>not centrally tracked | Determine the areas<br>of improvement and<br>begin tracking<br>progress<br>5.20 (+0.5) score to<br>question 57 of the SSI<br>- "I seldom get the<br>'runaround' when<br>seeking information<br>on this campus". |

| Strate        | gy   | Primary Owner              |
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| 1             | ce our financial key performance indicators through endowment growth, debt<br>ion and operating margin improvement.  |                            |
| l.            | Develop and launch an eight-year plan to double the endowment with a focus on funding student scholarships. (See Goal 5)   | I. SVP Advancement         |
| m.            | Define an overall annual budget process that is consistent, predictable and links<br>budget adjustments to strategic funding priorities, net tuition revenue growth<br>and adjustment of program funding balanced by accreditation requirements. | m. CFO                     |
| n.            | Develop specific strategies for increased net tuition revenue in partnership with Enrollment.  | n. CFO                     |
| 0.            | Create a reliable, repeatable financial model for the sunrise, shore-up and sunset of all programs.  | o. CFO; Provost            |
| р.            | Develop processes that increase the use of shared services and create synergies and efficiencies across business units.  | p. CFO                     |
| q.            | Identify and pursue opportunities to strategically pay down debt, prioritizing the opportunities based upon interest cost and operating savings generated.   | q. CFO                     |
| r.            | Create a framework for the campus wide deployment and evaluation of<br>innovation.   | <del>r. SC Strategy</del>  |
| <del>s.</del> | Add intellectual property, patent and applied research to the newly formed<br>Office of Research.  | <del>s. Provost</del>      |
| t.            | Define a framework and incentives to optimize the reuse of curriculum across<br>existing programs and generate new external sources of revenue from<br>non-degree programs (SPARK, professional development, continuing education,               | <del>t. Provost; CFO</del> |
|               |  |                            |

| Measure   | FY23 Baseline   | FY24 Target  |
|---|---|--|
| Examine current endowment total with specific   | Average increase from   | Increase annual  |
| interest in identifying donors who may have interest in giving for this purpose. (See Goal 5) | previous eight years is 8%  | endowment growth by 12%  |
| Debt as % of Total Assets   | 41%   | Reduce to 40% in FY23 with a five-year target of 33%   |
| Discount %  | 45.5%   | A five year target of 40.7%  |
| Endowment Value as % of Total Expenses  | 67%   | With a five year target of 97%   |
| Endowment Value as % of Total Liabilities   | 37%   | With a five year target of 64%   |
| Average Program/School/College Contribution<br>Margin   | Undergrad - 48.5%<br>Grad (with LU Online -<br>45.5%<br>Grad (w/o LU Online) -<br>49.3% | Undergrad - 53.5% in five<br>years<br>Grad (with LU Online<br>-50.5% in five years<br>Grad (w/o LU Online)<br>-54.3% in five years |
| Net operating surplus %   | 1.4%  | 5% in five years   |
| Non-degree revenue growth   | \$0   | To be determined this year   |
| No recommendations on SACSCOC financial standards   | No prior recommendations  | No continuing recommendations  |
| Number of shared functions launched   | Need to define the basis for calculation  | Calculation defined  |
| % of available shared functions utilized  | Need to define the basis for calculation  | Calculation defined  |
| % of shared staff   | Need to define the basis for calculation  | Calculation defined  |
| % Shared vs dedicated space   | Need to define the basis for calculation  | Calculation defined  |
| Number and % of shared programming and courses  | Need to define the basis for calculation  | Calculation defined  |
| Increase in financial and other resources connected to the Office of Research                 | To be calculated  | Identification of categories<br>to be tracked and initial<br>calculations  |

# Goal Seven: Advance innovation across our community

Goal Lead: Special Counsel to the President for Strategy

#### Strategies:

#### Create a common framework that defines and elevates innovation across the university.

- Develop common operating principles for how ideas are shared and elevated.
- Develop processes for vetting ideas and determining fit with mission.
- Develop communication avenues for sharing ideas and outcomes of innovative practices.
- Incentivize innovative practices, programs and products

#### Develop new and unique ways to maximize Lipscomb's educational offerings and brand.

- Audit what non-degree offerings and partnerships exist.
- Review existing offerings for refinement and expansion opportunities.
- Define a framework and incentives to optimize the reuse of content across existing programs.
- Generate new external sources of revenue from non-degree programming (SPARK, professional development, continuing education, etc.).

### Review policies and processes to ensure support for innovative practices, efficient use of resources, and effective outcomes.

- Audit all current policies related to intellectual property.
- Add intellectual property, patent and applied research to the newly formed Office of Research.
- Develop policies that support innovative practices, efficient use of resources and effective outcomes.

### **Goal Seven: Metrics**

| Strate | Зу  | Primary Owner                             |
|--------|---|---|
|        | a common framework that defines and elevates innovation across iversity.              |   |
|        | Develop common operating principles for how ideas are shared and elevated.            | a. SC Strategy                            |
| b.     | Develop processes for vetting ideas and determining fit with mission.                 | b. SC Strategy                            |
| с.     | Develop communication avenues for sharing ideas and outcomes of innovative practices. | c. VP PR, Communications<br>and Marketing |
| d.     | Incentivize innovative practices, programs and products.                              | d. SC Strategy                            |

| Measure                                      | FY23 Baseline                | FY24 Target                       |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Principles developed and in use              | Ad hoc principles            | Defined and in use by spring 2024 |
| Processes developed and in use               | Ad hoc processes             | Defined and in use by spring 2024 |
| Communication avenues established and in use | No comms avenues established | Defined and in use by spring 2024 |
| Initial incentives developed and in use      | No incentives                | In use by spring 2024             |

| Strategy   | Primary Owner  |
|--|--|
| Develop new and unique ways to maximize Lipscomb's educational offerings and brand.  |  |
| <ul> <li>e. Audit what non-degree offerings and partnerships exist.</li> <li>f. Review existing offerings for refinement and expansion opportunities.</li> <li>g. Define a framework and develop offerings to optimize the reuse of content across existing programs.</li> <li>h. Generate new external sources of revenue from non-degree programming (SPARK, professional development, continuing</li> </ul> | e. SC Strategy<br>f. SC Strategy<br>g. Provost<br>h. Provost |

| Measure   | FY23 Baseline           | FY24 Target        |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Audit of offerings that are considered non-degree | No audit                | Audit complete     |
| Review of existing offerings                      | No review               | Review complete    |
| Non-degree framework and offerings                | No framework, but       | Framework in place |
|   | some offerings in place |                    |

| Non-degree revenue sources | Some revenue | Set offerings with |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                            |              | some predictable   |
|                            |              | contracts          |

| Strategy  | Primary Owner                       |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Review policies and processes to ensure support for innovative practices, efficient use of resources, and effective outcomes.     |                                     |  |  |  |
| i. Audit all current policies related to intellectual property.   | i. Provost; General Counsel         |  |  |  |
| j. Add intellectual property, patent and applied research to the newly formed Office of Research.                                 | j. Provost                          |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>k. Develop policies that support innovative practices, efficient use of<br/>resources and effective outcomes.</li> </ul> | k. Provost; CFO; General<br>Counsel |  |  |  |

| Measure  | FY23 Baseline | FY24 Target  |
|--|---------------|--|
| Audit of IP policies   | None          | Audit complete   |
| Addition of IP, patents and applied research to Office of Research | None          | Moved to and being<br>"owned" by Office of<br>Research |
| New policy development   | None          | Identify plan for policy development                   |



### Continuing Considerations for Lipscomb Impact 360:

There are various addendums to the strategic plan that are currently in development, including:

- Enterprise risk management plan
- Athletics strategic plan
- Technology strategic plan
- College-specific strategic plans

Addendums will be shared in various ways upon completion.

Lipscomb Academy is launching a separate strategic plan under the umbrella of Lipscomb Impact 360 called Next Level.

#### Other:

- Data used for purposes of the strategic plan will continue to be reviewed, vetted and altered based on continued improvements to our data systems, data quality and environmental changes.
- Accountability toward reaching the goals, strategies and tactics of the strategic plan will primarily be led by owners and teams that are assigned to each area. However, each of you are partners in the outcomes of this plan and we hope you will continue to invest in these efforts.
- Monitoring of the strategic plan will take place quarterly with an annual report on progress against goals. Goals, strategies, and tactics may be revised based on this review.
- Many people have been involved in the creation of Lipscomb Impact 360. We apologize in advance for any grammatical or wording errors in the document. While we worked to correct them throughout the process, we ask for grace for any that were missed.

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