

SIGMA KAPPA FORUM

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1. Is becoming "the premier public liberal arts and sciences institution in the nation" a compelling vision statement for you? Why or why not?

- Did not come to Truman for liberal arts, not a deciding factor
- From Midwest, not about prestige do what's best for student instead of being BEST
- Not known outside Midwest, too lofty a goal
- Does Truman want people to know who we are across the country
- No prospective student actively seeks out mission statement.

2. What is the most important priority for Truman over the next five years?

- Keeping inexpensive, handling budget crisis
- Not wasting money for on-campus renovations
- Kirksville community more on-board with Truman
- Review faculty, tenure?
- Retention rates
- Expansion and appreciation of greek life
- Making advising better
- Revamp study abroad office, graduate office (basically better training for all staff)

3. What assumptions about the next five years are reasonable for us to make regarding budget, staffing, technology, political realities, students needs and expectations, and practices in higher education?

- Professors need to understand technology before coming to class
- Smart boards are pointless, no one uses them (review which departments use and need them)
- IPADS, smart pens for students? Don't do it?
- Budgeting more now to account for future expenditures
- Get rid of tenure
- Add personal budgeting class for students (LSP)

4. In your opinion what would be the characteristics of a successful strategic plan for Truman for 2011-2015?

- Publicized more
- Attainable
- Less money for athletics