



Summary of CLAS Strategic Plan

1. Enhance Quality and Rigor (NCA 1-5; GVSU 1, 5, 6)¹

Goal 1: Continuously improve high quality, student-focused, undergraduate and graduate education.

Objective 1.1: Engage students through support of teaching excellence.

Objective 1.2: Reward and facilitate faculty scholarship.

Objective 1.3: Reward and facilitate service.

2. Enhance Diversity throughout the College (NCA 1, 3, 4, 5; GVSU 1, 2, 4, 5)

Goal 2: Increase and support diversity at all levels.

Objective 2.1: Enhance the cultural competence of faculty, staff, and students.

Objective 2.2: Support efforts to recruit and promote diverse faculty, staff, and students.

3. Assuring Sufficient Resources (NCA 1-4; GVSU 1, 5, 6)

Goal 3: Explore means within and beyond the University to address funding and resource constraints guided by the values of equity and productivity.

Objective 3.1: Coordinate with Provost's Office to provide equitable resources for departments.

Objective 3.2: Identify external funding opportunities.

4. Assuring an optimal learning environment (NCA 3, 4, GVSU 1, 2, 4, 5, 7)

Goal 4: Build and sustain an atmosphere of inquiry, integrity, engagement, curiosity and creativity among students, staff and faculty.

Objective 4.1: Establish interdisciplinary dialogue among students, faculty and staff.

Objective 4.2: Conduct ongoing dialogues regarding College values, direction, and priorities.

Objective 4.3: Promote University community awareness of the importance of liberal arts education.

Objective 4.4: Improve the quality of student advising.

5. Engaging with Community Partners/Collaborators (NCA 1, 3, 4, 5, GVSU 1-7)

Goal 5: Construct partnerships with relevant external constituencies which enrich the education of our students while enhancing the quality of life for the people of the region, the state, the nation and beyond.

Objective 5.1: Increase regional, state, national and international collaborations.

Objective 5.2: Increase engagement with community stakeholders in Grand Valley education.

Objective 5.3: Increase non-traditional learning opportunities such as service learning, internships, and volunteerism.

¹ NCA refers to North Central Criteria for Accreditation and GVSU here refers to the GVSU Strategic Plan.