Towards a Comprehensive

Strategic Academic Vision

Meeting of the University Faculty
Bucknell University
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University’s strategic plan, *The Plan for Bucknell*

*Institution-wide plan at “the 50,000-foot level”*

Strategic Academic Vision: Aspirations, goals, and priorities

Specific academic tactics defined and proposed

“Ground-level” initiatives and priorities

*Spring 2007*
Defining our academic aspirations

Academic Vision Statement

For example:

“We will strive to provide the finest educational experiences for our students”
But what does “the finest” mean, specifically?

An articulation of that vision

Educational (learning) goals at the institutional level
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Resources:

- The Plan for Bucknell and Mission Statement
- Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 2002
- Learning goals adopted by other institutions
Now that the academic aspiration has been defined, how will we achieve it?

Strategies, priorities, and initiatives to achieve that vision.
How successful are we in achieving that vision?

*It’s unlikely we can ever fully achieve it; nevertheless, we need to continue to refine and advance what we do*

Assessment
A strategic academic vision will:

- Define and articulate the academic directions that will support, and be supported by, *The Plan for Bucknell*
- Meet Middle States accreditation requirements
- Provide academic objectives for the capital campaign
- Inform and support curricular and programmatic initiatives, such as the re-envisioning of the Common Learning Agenda in the College of Arts and Sciences