

Plan for Pitt 2025

Workshop Notes

Date: February 6, 2020

Participants: Pitt-Titusville

Goals Exercise: A focus group took place at the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville to discuss how the campus sees the next five years, in the context of the Plan for Pitt.

Goal 1: Academic Excellence

- Rural education is important to rural communities – location allows them to serve as connectors for research opportunities, engagement, etc.
- Excellent education. Outcomes-orientation. Focus on education for life.
- Hope that Hub can be a model for others
- In five years, a successful Hub will:
 - Have more partners coming in and more partners wanting in
 - Be fully enrolled, and students will have successful career outcomes
 - Showcase the campus as a national leader and educational innovator
 - Have up-to-date facilities that support blended learning
 - Offer apprenticeships, internships, and unique opportunities to collaborate with business and industry
 - Ex. graduates have the skills employers seek, and therefore employers chose to locate nearby
 - Be financially stable, and so vital that industry will be planned around the Hub. Further, surrounding community is successful → strong economic foundation.
 - Have graduates that launch successful companies that align with the strengths of the region.
 - Have the opportunity to try new things/be innovative without too much fear of failure (i.e. the Hub will require a ramp-up period).

Goal 2: Research of Impact

- Can serve as a facilitator for research in rural areas, especially as there is a budding emphasis on rural health.
 - Want to be core to rural health programs/serving needs of citizens
- See opportunities to be the subject of research (i.e. around new educational modes) and to partner with other campuses to increase access to resources (ex. access to rural communities, outdoor facilities, etc.)

Goal 3: Strengthen Communities

- Opportunity to use the campus to meet community needs/hold non-traditional programs (ex. location for continuing education units)
- Goal: transform the campus climate (of the larger university) so that everyone understands and appreciates the importance of the Hub.

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Goal 4: Diversity and Inclusion

- Bringing together diverse partners and meeting diverse needs of the region
 - Students' financial outlook is one aspect of Titusville's diversity
 - The campus helps provide access to the Pitt system
- Exciting to create opportunities for the local community

Goal 5: Embrace the World

- If the hub fosters growth of small-business, that's a way to bring the world to Titusville.

Goal 6: Foundational Strength

- Could utilize regional campuses for alumni events
- Hope that the Hub can help facilitate technology in a rural area
- Want to enhance communication across all campuses
- Ensure that Pitt-Titusville is represented in campus-wide events (ex. Pitt Day or Giving, Pitt Day in Harrisburg).