

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University



Uncompromising Excellence: A Blueprint for the Future

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Where we've been...

- ① Visioning process announced to the campus in January 2001
- ② Appointment of Planning & Resource Council
- ③ Scan teams study the environment:
 - ◆ Internal Scan Team
 - ◆ External Scan Team
 - ◆ Values Team
- ④ 3 Scenarios proposed from campus discussions
- ⑤ Several Town Hall Meetings
- ⑥ Campus-wide Retreat April 2001
 - ◆ *Interdisciplinary University*

The Interdisciplinary University

*Builds upon a solid foundation in
academic programs*

- Programs then work together towards curriculum innovation that builds on connections across the disciplines.
- Working across programs nurtures a learning environment where opportunities to build solutions are based upon expertise in more than one discipline.
- Teaching focuses on the ability to organize, apply, assess and create interdisciplinary knowledge.

Where we are...

The Interdisciplinary University

THE VISION

North Carolina A&T is a learner-centered community that develops and preserves intellectual capital through interdisciplinary learning, discovery, engagement, and operational excellence.

The Themes

- **Responsive Learning Environment**
- **Distinctive, Visionary
Interdisciplinary Programs and
Centers**
- **Globalization**
- **Strategic Partnerships**
- **Enhanced and Diversified
Resources**

Why Interdisciplinary?

- **The Interdisciplinary University**
 - **Creates a learning environment that allows students to become productive and globally informed citizens of the 21st century**
 - **Responds to societal and intellectual issues that require new solutions**

Our Aspiration

- **To be the premier interdisciplinary university in North Carolina and America**
- **To build on our comparative advantages**
 - engineering
 - technology
 - business
 - a strong civil rights legacy
 - status as an 1890 land-grant institution

Five Strategic Goals

Goal One

Establish and ensure an interdisciplinary focus for North Carolina A&T that mandates overall high quality, continued competitiveness, and effective involvement of global strategic partners in marketing and delivery of programs and operations.

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Goal Two

Deliver visionary and distinctive interdisciplinary learning, discovery, and engagement that include global collaborations and partnerships as part of the learning experience.

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Goal Three

Foster a responsive learning environment that utilizes an efficiently integrated administrative support system for high quality programs, research and collegial interactions, and effectively disseminates consistent information to University stakeholders.

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Goal Four

Provide superior, readily available student services and programs that recognize and respond to diverse student needs.

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Goal Five

Enhance and diversify the University's resource base through effective fundraising, entrepreneurial initiatives, enhanced facilities, and sponsored research programs.

VENTURES FUND

\$ 250,000

- Re-allocated resources to fund interdisciplinary, entrepreneurial projects
- 107 Proposals from faculty, staff, alumni, and students for grants up to \$15,000

Funded **Ventures** Grants

- ★ 19 Proposals were awarded funding in March, 2002.
- ★ Awards totaled almost \$ 242 thousand.
- ★ Projects are to be completed by May 30, 2003.

Where we are going...

- **Define activities and timelines for each goal.**
- **Assign responsibilities for each activity.**
- **Implement activities.**
- **Assess results.**

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