OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2015

Introduction

Oakwood University was founded in 1896 as Oakwood Industrial School, with the purpose of providing Christian education for blacks. From the sixteen students that comprised the original student body on opening day, Oakwood has grown so that today it embraces a diverse student body of more than 1900 students from more than 40 states and 20 countries. The original purpose continues, but it has expanded to include all others who want a quality Christian education also.

The Oakwood University Strategic Plan for 2010-2015 includes the visions of a wide variety of participants. The resulting document provides initiatives that seek both to strengthen and challenge the institution. The over-riding goal of the plan is to make improvements at the University that will enhance the educational experience of the students who matriculate here.

Mission Statement: Oakwood University, a historically Black Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher learning, provides quality Christian education that emphasizes academic excellence; promotes harmonious development of mind, body, and spirit; and prepares leaders in service for God and humanity.

Vision: Oakwood University graduates are leaders in service to God and humanity.

Aim: Education, Excellence, Eternity

Motto: Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve

Values that guided in the development of the Strategic Plan for 2010-2015:

- Christian commitment, on which Oakwood University is founded, guides every aspect of institutional functioning, and the degree to which this commitment is transmitted to Oakwood students is the ultimate measure of our success.
- **Excellence** is the chosen standard of achievement for the University, and it challenges us to continually improve.
- Healthful living enhances the development of mind, body, and spirit, both inside and outside the classroom.
- The passion for **service** undergirds both teaching and learning, and takes learning beyond the classroom, into the community and the world.
- Responsible citizenship governs how we relate to each other as a
 university community, to the global community and its diverse
 populations, and to our Church community.

University Goals

- Goal 1 Spiritual Vitality: Promote a Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist worldview.
- Goal 2 Educational Excellence: Demonstrate academic excellence in teaching and learning.
- Goal 3 Nurturing Environment: Facilitate a supportive environment that is sensitive to the needs of students and all other constituents.
- Goal 4 Operational Efficiency: Ensure efficient service and resource management.
- Goal 5 Resource Development: Provide sufficient financial resources to support all aspects of the institution.
- Goal 6 Institutional Relations: Enhance the reputation and relationships of the institution.
- Goal 7 Technology Leadership: Maintain a technologically progressive campus.

Oakwood University Strategic Plan 2010-2015 Action Plan

Table 1: Spiritual Vitality

Goal 1: Spiritual Vitality: Promote a Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist worldview.

Initia	ntive	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
1.1	Strengthen the emphasis on outreach and service	 a. Integrate faith and learning activities with service learning projects (instructional). b. Develop and implement strategies to promote curriculum-based service learning 	Office of the Provost Academic Affairs	 At least 50% of students participate in 2 or more service/outreach projects per year Students are equipped with skills for service when they leave Oakwood.
		 c. Develop and implement strategies to promote student life-based service learning. d. Place visual aids on campus that remind students and employees of service (Christian art). 	Office of the Provost Student Services	Student missionary participation increases by 50% (10% increments per year through 2015)(2009-10 baseline = 16) FA2010: 18
		 e. Coordinate and facilitate service activities on campus through the Office of the Provost. f. Develop and implement strategies to promote community service for OU employees g. Develop assessment measures to annually track and evaluate participation in service/outreach by employees and students. 	Office of the Provost Spiritual Life	o FA2011: 19 o FA2012: 21 o FA2013: 22 o FA2014: 24
1.2	Increase spiritual formation building activities	 a. Facilitate campus-wide Bible study utilizing small groups b. Identify and train small group leaders c. Employ at least 2 chaplains, preferably one a female 	Office of the Provost Spiritual Life	 At least 400 students participating in small group Bible studies by 2014-15 At least 50% of graduating seniors indicate spiritual growth during matriculation at Oakwood At least two chaplains are employed by Fall 2012, one preferably a female
		d. Implement a Sabbath School program designed specifically for university students	Student Services	An average attendance of at least 200 students at University Sabbath School by 2012-13

Table 2: Educational Excellence

Goal 2: Educational Excellence: Demonstrate academic excellence in teaching and learning.

Initia	tive	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
2.1	Establish partnerships in the areas of: Instruction	a. Conduct workshops on collaborationsb. Provide training in interdisciplinary instruction	Academic Affairs	 Total enrollment increase of 3% annually Total increase in graduation rate of 2.5% annually
	 Fund Raising 	 c. Identify resources to write grants for Academic needs d. Develop guidelines for Academic department fundraising activities 	Academic Affairs Advancement and Development	
	 Retention/Advising System 	 e. Create appropriate infrastructure for University-wide retention/advising system f. Develop plans for personalizing advising (including mentorship) 	Academic Affairs Student Enrollment Services	
	 Community Relationships 	 g. Strengthen internship experiences for students h. Strengthen/expand service opportunities and relationships 	Academic Affairs Student Services	
2.2	Expand Academic Programs Undergraduate Graduate Distance Learning	 a. Strengthen the Academic program review process b. Develop specific criteria for identifying programs to phase out c. Develop specific criteria for creating new programs d. Develop benchmarks for program's success e. Expand library capacity 	Academic Affairs	Proposals are approved for at least 2 new programs
2.3	Develop a research emphasis	a. Develop and expand research infrastructure to support academic research	Academic Affairs	At least 25% increase in funded research by the end of the 2014-15 academic year
2.4	Complete and implement a revised general education (GE) curriculum	 b. Assessment tools identified Spring 2014 c. Faculty development plan completed summer 2014 and implemented Fall 2014 d. Course development/course syllabi completed and approved by Spring 2015 	Academic Affairs	New GE curriculum implemented Fall 2015

Initia	tive	Strategies			Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
2.5	Increase graduate school and employment rates	admittance	e rates artmental records,	ck graduate school track job	Academic Affairs Student Services	2% annual increases in graduate school and employment rates are realized
2.6	Maintain an adequate and qualified faculty	b. Provide ful c. Identify an retention of d. Review Fac annually e. Maintain G	Il-qualified faculty nding for faculty de dimplement pract of qualified faculty culty Remuneration seneral Conference of SDA faculty	ices that support	Academic Affairs	At least 70% of faculty have terminal degrees in their discipline
2.7	Increase enrollment	b. Provide the student su c. Seek funds d. Track reter necessary retained the e. Meet Annu YR NE FA2010 55 FA2011 56	to enhance scholantion and make adjute increase the nurbrough graduation/ ual Enrollment Targ W Headcount 1847 1902	ustments as mber of students course completion gets: FTE Estimates* 1672 ±1700	Office of the President Student Enrollment Services	 Incoming first-time freshmen and transfer students increase at least 3% annually to attain a headcount of 620 or more new student by Fall 2014 (baseline 536). The university attains an average annual enrollment increase of at least 3% and reaches the following headcount/FTE goals by Fall 2014 (total headcount baseline 1793): Undergraduate 1900/1825 Graduate 45/30 LEAP 100
		FA2012 58 FA2013 60 FA2014 62 *FTE target is B traditional stud	4 2018 0 2075 oard approved ann	±1750 ±1800 1855 nually. Includes		 AP4 30 An incremental increase in the annual graduation rate of at least 2.5% Term-to-term persistence rate of at risk students increases by at least 2.5% annually
2.8	Improve the overall registration process for incoming students		and streamline in-p n-line options	person options	Office of the President Student Enrollment Services	Students express higher level of satisfaction (at least 1 point gap decrease) with the registration process on the Student Satisfaction Inventory Fall 2014 (baseline 3.68 gap)

Initia	tive	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
2.9	Develop and implement a coherent, comprehensive co-curricular program	a. Develop a rationale for a co-curricular program b. Develop a plan for the co-curricular program i. Provide a lecture series with notable speakers that addresses political, social and cultural subjects currently being discussed ii. Re-design chapels and assemblies iii. Provide seminars and workshops on life- skills, personal growth and development, current events, and interdisciplinary conversations	Student Services	Students express higher level of satisfaction on Student Satisfaction Inventory (baseline for Student Centeredness 4.07)
2.10	Increase emphasis on the mission of the University	 a. Provide Strategic Plan leadership i. Facilitate plan maintenance and objective achievement b. Facilitate the Reaffirmation process i. Provide administrative leadership and facilitate assignment completion ii. Identify, develop, and implement a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) that will positively impact student learning 	Office of the President	 Semi-annual reports demonstrate a well managed plan with documentation of progress and accountability All preparatory work is done for a successful visit A QEP topic is approved by July 10, 2010 The QEP Budget is approved April 2011 Draft QEP is developed by Sept 10, 2011 Draft is Board approved by Oct 30, 2011 Draft is reviewed by the visiting committee and revisions completed by June 30, 2012 QEP is implemented by Fall 2012 QEP is approved by SACS/COC by Dec 2012
		 c. Promote institutional mission/goals i. Widespread sharing of Mission, Aim, Motto, Vision d. Promote healthful lifestyle 		Measurable increase in employee awareness of OU purpose
		i. Presidents Running club ii. Employee Wellness emphasis iii. Student Health and Safety emphasis		Established programs with measurable targeted outcomes in each area

Table 3: Nurturing Environment

Goal 3: Nurturing Environment: Facilitate a supportive environment that is sensitive to the needs of students and all other constituents.

Initia	ative	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
3.1	Upgrade student housing facilities	a. Give attention to long-standing infrastructure challenges, including i. Plumbing in Edwards Hall ii. Replacing closets, sinks, and vanities on the east side of Carter Hall	Student Services	 New plumbing is installed in Edwards Hall by Fall 2012 Renovations in Carter Hall east wing are completed by June 2015 (10 rooms each year beginning 2010-11)
3.2	Improve support services for students	 a. Study options to determine an adequate student center location b. Complete a feasibility study regarding campus needs in the areas of i. on-campus business center functions ii. meeting rooms and places for group practices iii. an auditorium for university and guest performances 	Student Services	 A re-located student center is provided by December 2010 Feasibility study is completed by June 2012 and projects to be addressed are determined by December 2012 Student satisfaction with Campus Life improves (1.0 point increase in satisfaction score on SSI, 2014 administration; baseline is 3.73, 2008 administration)
3.3	Enhance student leadership skills	 a. Create a task force to consider the establishment of an honor code, honor committee, and student-led judicial board b. Follow-up on task force findings and recommendations 	Student Services	Peer review process is established by 2013 Students possess the knowledge, skills, and sensitivities they need to become leaders of competence, conscience, and compassion [as evaluated by committee member surveys and focus groups]
3.4	Enhance the institutional wellness program for employees	 a. Develop additional incentives to increase participation b. Provide additional options for obtaining seminar credits to accommodate scheduling conflicts c. Provide classes, instructors, and facilities for exercise classes at worker-friendly times 	Office of the Provost	At least 100% increase in full participation in the wellness program (2009-10 baseline - 2)
3.5	Enhance campus accessibility	 a. Complete an ADA compliance audit during 2010-2011 b. Develop a plan to address deficiencies in ADA compliance by June 2011. c. Identify budget by April 2012. d. Implement plan beginning July 2012. 	Academic Affairs	100% ADA compliance by June 2015

Table 4: Operational Efficiency

Goal 4: Operational Efficiency: Ensure efficient service and resource management.

Initia	itive	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
4.1	Monitor and evaluate the Master Plan for Student Enrollment Services (SES)	 a. Annually review and evaluate effective functioning of the plan during first three years of implementation b. Develop a system of cross-training between student enrollment support services c. Design an electronic information delivery system that ensures that once information is received it is available to all functions in the enrollment system within 24 hours d. Provide a facility that centralizes the location of departments within the SES unit 	Office of the President Student Enrollment Services Academic Affairs Financial Affairs Student Services	 The Master Plan for Enrollment Services is reviewed/evaluated annually during May A plan for cross-training between student enrollment support services is developed by July, 2010 An electronic information delivery system with 24-hour accessibility is functional by July, 2011 SES unit has a centralized location by Fall 2012 The importance/satisfaction gaps for the recruitment/financial aid & registration scales on the Student Satisfaction Inventory decrease at least 1.0 point by Fall 2014 (baselines 2.25 & 2.97)
4.2	Develop a Quality Assessment Plan for Energy and Facilities Management	 a. Develop and implement the comprehensive plan for energy assessment and management that addresses: lighting, painting, doors, windows and HVAC b. Develop a Master Landscaping/Parking/Road Plan to include: watering, gardening, zoning, greening, hardscapes, outdoor living areas, erosion control and dirt/soil analysis c. Design a Learn, Live, Labor Custodian Plan to achieve a desired standard of cleanliness for areas where patrons and employees Learn, Live and Labor d. Implement/evaluate the Master Maintenance Plan 	Financial Affairs	 A comprehensive plan for energy assessment and management is developed by 2013 implemented beginning 2014 and evaluated annually beginning June 2015 A Master Landscaping Plan is developed by October 2010 A Learn, Live, Labor Custodial Plan is completed by June 2011 The Master Maintenance Plan is implemented June 2011 and evaluated annually beginning June 2012

Initia	tive	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
4.3	Support campus construction/ renovation projects	 a. Set annual construction target goals for: i. Communication Building ii. Physical Plant Relocation iii. Health and Wellness Building iv. Facility/land improvement 	Office of the President Financial Affairs	a. Accomplishment of annual construction targets i. Communication Building (2012) ii. Physical Plant Relocation (2012) iii. Health and Wellness Building (2014) iv. Facility/land improvement
4.4	Achieve budget management targets	a. Provide Presidential leadership to facilitate accomplishment of financial objectivesb. Manage the budget to reach established targets	Office of the President Financial Affairs Cost: N/A	Achievement of annual financial goals
4.5	Achieve fully operational law-enforcement agency status	a. Finance APOSTC (Alabama Peace Officers Standard and Training Commission) certification for all officers	Financial Affairs	 50% of F-T officers are APOSTC certified by 2015: 30% by December 2010 45% by December 2011 50% by December 2012
4.6	Implement a master security plan	a. In collaboration with other divisions, implement a master security plan through the development of life-safety and security systems	Financial Affairs	b. Plan is implemented over 4 years beginning June 2011
4.7	Develop and implement a strategic plan for vacant and under-utilized structures	 a. Develop a plan for the use of structures currently not in use or not used to capacity b. Renovate/repair designated facilities, including: i. Church Parking Lot/Road ii. Skating Rink iii. Cunningham Hall (Phases I and II) iv. Peterson Hall v. OUI (4920) vi. Blake Center vii. Market Square 	Financial Affairs	 Usage plan is completed June 2011 Renovated facilities are utilized by 2015 Church Parking Lot/Road: October 2010 Skating Rink: December 2010 Cunningham Phase I: June 2012 Peterson Hall: June 2013 Cunningham Phase II: January 2013
4.8	Develop and implement an Accounts Receivable collections plan aimed at collecting 100% of tuition and fees	a. Develop Accounts Receivable collections plan b. Implement plan beginning with the 2010-11 academic year	Financial Affairs Office of the President Student Enrollment Services	 Plan is developed by Fall 2010 Collections rate minimum is maintained at 97% in 2010-11 98% in 2011-12 99% in 2012-13 100% by 2015
4.9	Enhance institutional efficiency	a. Complete institution-wide efficiency study for cost saving and operational efficiency i. Identify cost-saving/efficiency measures ii. Develop a plan to implement measures	Financial Affairs	 Efficiency study is completed by June 2012 Cost-saving/efficiency measures are identified Plan is implemented beginning June 2013 Measurable savings realized by June 2015

Table 5: Resource Development

Goal 5: Resource Development: Provide sufficient financial resources to support all aspects of the institution.

Initia	itive	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
5.1	Review, refine and implement an integrated Development Plan	 a. Evaluate and determine if conditions are appropriate for Capital Campaign and/or a major special project b. Implement identification of major prospects and solicitation tasks for major gifts for: i. Health and Wellness Center ii. Communications Complex iii. Develop strategy to determine succeeding priorities 	Advancement and Development	 Evaluation results are implemented by 2012 Sufficient gifts are on hand for construction start-up for the Health and Wellness facility by 2015
5.2	Implement a comprehensive plan for land development	 a. Develop a list of possible land development projects and present to the Board of Trustees b. Hire a consultant/urban planner to review/study land development plan and make recommendations c. Hire a staff person to serve as industry lead person to build relationships with organizations (i.e. NASA, Redstone Arsenal) d. Conduct public meetings to present land development plan for community feedback e. Follow-up on Board review and approval of the land development concept developed by the Property Assessment Committee (PAC) (comprised of two subcommittees: Facilities Usage Committee and Land Development Committee). 	Advancement and Development	 Board approved list is available by April 2011 Consultant is hired by December 2012 Staff person is hired by July 2013 and generating prospects for future contracts and development projects A consensus report from the community is received, signaling go-ahead for start-up of designated projects Completion of at least 1-2 income generating, state of the art, environmentally friendly projects representing Oakwood's core values and providing services to the community by June 2015
5.3	Generate revenue for the institution	 a. Achieve Capitol Fund Raising targets b. Achieve Scholarship Fund Raising targets i. Running for Scholarships \$500,000 goal 	Office of the President Advancement and Development	 Achievement of annual fund-raising goals beginning December 2012 A self-sustaining student scholarship assistance plan is established by 2011 First scholarships are disbursed Spring 2011

Table 6: Institutional Relations

Goal 6: Institutional Relations: Enhance the reputation and relationships of the institution.

Initiat	tive	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
6.1	Strengthen the link between Oakwood's education programs and Huntsville economic development programs and workforce training needs	a. Create a committee that would develop a strategy to oversee developing and strengthening the University's relationships with industry, contracts, and community organizations	Advancement and Development Academic Affairs	Committee formed by June 2011 The number of grants and contracts generated increases by at least 100% (baseline 2) by June 2011
		b. Conduct a study to identify current and future internship and job opportunities		Internships and job opportunities increase by at least 100% (baseline 15)
		c. Conduct pre- (2010-11) and post- (2014- 15) surveys to determine the status of Oakwood's community/industry partnerships		Stronger public relations between Oakwood University and the community is demonstrated by post-survey results by June 2011
6.2	Strengthen the relationship of the University with its alumni	Create an alumni regeneration council (ARC) with the purpose of improving relations between the University and its Alumni	Advancement and Development	 ARC is created by June 2011 On-line and written surveys demonstrate improved relationship between the University and Alumni Revenue from Alumni chapters and individual alumni increases by at least 10%
6.3	Strengthen the quality of customer relations/customer service	a. Promote quality customer care i. Develop a Comprehensive Institutional Plan for customer service	Office of the President Office of the Provost	 Plan is developed by June 2011 A measurable program for detecting, resolving and improving customer service is created by June 2012
		b. Increase customer service training that focuses on being proactive rather that reactive and incorporates the key elements of responsibility		At least one seminar/workshop in customer relations is provided annually
		c. Develop a tracking system to evaluate customer satisfaction		Customer satisfaction surveys demonstrate annual improvement in customer service

Initiative	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
	Develop an institutional knowledge bank i. Survey employees for expertise/ gifts/talents that can be shared campus-wide ii. Organize feedback in a brochure and/or an electronic format		A Knowledge Bank is available by December 2012
6.4 Facilitate institutional enhancement	a. Develop a communication network plan i. Develop comprehensive communication/update program ii. Develop plan to provide new linkages with faculty, staff, students	Office of the President	Measurably increase stakeholder awareness of institutional developments (Focus group assessment)
	b. Promote Board of Trustees development by providing:i. Training and Evaluationii. A BOT Retreat		 At least two training and evaluation sessions are provided increasing Board of Trustees awareness and continuous self-improvement At least one BOT Retreat is provided emphasizing board fellowship and strategic planning
	c. Provide assistance for the Oakwood Academy building project i. Assist a feeder institution in achieving a goal of construction of an educational facility		Increase the student capacity of OU feeder institution

Table 7: Technology Leadership

Goal 7: Technology Leadership: Maintain a technologically progressive campus.

	Initiative	Strategies	Responsibility	Outcomes/Assessment
7.1	Improve campus communication systems	 a. Use web technologies to better communicate events & important dates. b. Make significant dates/events from departments on campus available from the Oakwood University front page. 	Information Technology	A more visible and accessible web based calendar that can be viewed from Oakwood's front-page is available by fall 2010.
7.2	Provide technology training for staff	 a. Offer staff training for a fee in the use of technology i. CARS EX ii. Microsoft Office 	Information Technology	At least two staff training opportunities are offered annually
7.3	Develop campus telecast infrastructure for television broadcast	 a. Create a media center i. Identify location by July 2010 ii. Hire 2 full-time staff by October 2010 b. Provide A/V support campus-wide i. Classroom multimedia equipment ii. Residence hall CATV c. Install production and video automation equipment d. Collaborate with Communications Dept. to produce campus program contents for broadcasting e. Utilize channel 38 to broadcast 	Information Technology	 Media Center is staffed and functional by December 2010 Multimedia equipment campus-wide is supported by A/V technicians Equipment is purchased by 2012 to facilitate broadcast Professionally produced programs are available for broadcast to the public via the air waves by 2012 Beginning 2012, Campus program contents are inserted into channel 38 schedule
7.4	Develop outdoor wireless network infrastructure	Install outdoor access points across campus at specific location(s) to be determined	Information Technology	 Locations on campus for outdoor access points are determined by December 2010 Wireless devices are able to receive internet services outdoors at predetermined locations by 2012
7.5	Provide life safety and security system network infrastructure	a. Collaborate with Public Safety to implement campus-wide life safety and security system	Financial Affairs/ Information Technology	Campus-wide network is installed and supported by Information Technology and monitored by Public Safety by 2012
7.6	Upgrade the campus email system	b. Purchase and install new software to upgrade the campus email system	Information Technology	New email system completed by June 2011