Southern Illinois University Carbondale: Southern at 150 Vision and Collaborative Partnerships

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One of only ~150 Doctoral Research Extensive universities (Carnegie rankings) out of ~5,000 institutions of higher learning in the United States.
Example of SIUC International Partnerships:

1991 – Initial discussions and visits to Ostrava & Carbondale

1992/93 – Co-sponsored topical conferences on coal and the environment

1992 – First Ostrava graduate students admitted to SIUC

1993 – Collaborative research projects initiated (ongoing)

1993/1994 – First faculty exchanges (foreign languages)

1997 – SIUC hosts ICEE conference

1999 – TU Ostrava hosts ICEE Conference

2001 – SIUC/TU Ostrava cooperative workshop in C’dale

2003 – SIUC Photography student project in Ostrava
November 13, 2001:
Chancellor Walter V. Wendler announced that he would convene a group, with internal and external participants, to develop a campus-wide plan.
More than 200 people were involved in the work embodied in this plan.

The majority of participants were faculty, students, staff, and administrators from campus.

Off-campus participation was enlisted from alumni and friends of the University, from throughout the region, state, and the nation. Their contributions mark an important step in generating ideas and building relationships with the vast community that we serve.
Timeline for Southern at 150

- **Phase Zero**: Initial situation assessment
- **Phase One**: Self Exam
- **Phase Two**: Vision Development
- **Phase Three**: Document Development
- **Phase Four**: Public Communication

Timeline:
- **Initial situation assessment**:
  - Nov-01
  - Dec-01
  - Jan-02
  - Feb-02
  - Mar-02
  - Apr-02
  - May-02
  - Jun-02
  - Apr-03
  - May-03

Southern at 150 Taskforce
- **Phase Zero Committee**
- **Final Document**
Process:

- Initial data collection
- Phase Zero deliberations
- Theme groups identified
- Theme group reports
- Compilation of reports
- Final document
- Public celebration
Initial data collection...

- A set of peer institutions and *aspirational* peer institutions was developed.

- These institutions were studied carefully and an analysis was conducted of where we are, where we would like to be in 2019, and what actions are needed to close the gaps in performance.
Phase Zero deliberations...

- Evaluated data in order to identify "themes".
- Recommended principles and parameters to be considered for the broad-based deliberations to follow.
“Theme” groups identified...

- Campus Infrastructure and Plan
- Faculty
- Financial Resources
- Graduate Studies
- Leadership/Governance/Organization
- Library and Information Technology
- Locale – Southern Illinois Region
- Research and Research Infrastructure
- Student Life
- Undergraduate Academics
Each group produced a report that summarized discussions, findings, and recommendations.

Detailed reports and presentations by each group were made to the larger Southern at 150 committee.
Compilation of reports:

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The final report highlights the value of diversity, a global perspective, and providing excellence in all that we do.
Public celebration
The Goal...

“The goal of Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment is to articulate a series of commitments and actions that will place us among the top 75 public research universities in the United States by the year 2019, our 150th anniversary, while we continue to provide the foundation for academic, economic, and social progress in Southern Illinois.”
One of our core values...

“World View”

We will endeavor to produce citizen-leaders with global perspectives. ... Our international outreach and international programs will affect who we are and shape the University in every aspect ... As we benefit from knowledge, resources and students who come to us from around the world, we must reciprocate in kind. The products of our research ... should ... improve economic, health and social issues throughout the world.
$167 Million in Infrastructure:

- $13 M Altgeld Hall
- $42 M Morris Library
- $30 M Combined Laboratories Addition - SOM
- $1.5 M Cancer Institute – School of Medicine
- $41 M Transportation Education Center
- $10 M Health Services Building
- $22 M New Housing
- $4.5 M Troutt-Wittmann Academic and Training
- $3.5 M Library Storage Facility
- $2.8 M Research Park Facility
Research Park Facility
$ 42 million Library renovation
$41 million Transportation Education Center
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Other Accomplishments

- Strategic Faculty Hires Initiative
  -$2M invested in new faculty positions in 2003
  -$10M, 10 year plan for continuing (pending)