Dear Colleagues:

I hope finals week has been progressing well for you and your students! Thank you for your dedication and all you do to champion student success in support of our academic mission.

Since last summer, we have asked our community to help build a vision for strategic academic innovation for the future by participating in the Academic Master Plan (AMP) process, a key building block of our Courageous Strategic Transformation (CST).

Please find updates below on the AMP process including options to provide feedback through May 18, current work, and next steps.

I am deeply thankful for the engagement of our institution and its caring community. So many people have come together over this past year to contemplate how to leverage our strengths while envisioning new ways of doing things.

CSU is one of the top land-grant and public research institutions in the country, and AMP will allow us to make sure the right pieces are in place to carry forward the Ram legacy in a changing, complex world. On behalf of the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, Drs. Linda Dalton and Linda Nagel who have led the AMP process, and the AMP Advisory Committee and Planning Team, thank you for lending your heart and mind to this work.

Sincerely,

Mary Pedersen
Provost and Executive Vice President

Academic Master Plan: Updates, Current Work & Next Steps

The Academic Master Plan (AMP) process has focused on identifying and articulating the distinctive knowledge and skills that Colorado State University students will need in the future, and projecting areas of academic growth for our programs, research, and engagement over the next 5-10 years. This planning process launched under the umbrella of Courageous Strategic Transformation and has been brilliantly led by Dr. Linda Dalton, a national expert in leading institutions of higher education through strategic and academic master planning processes, and Dr. Linda Nagel, AMP Advisory Committee and Planning Team chair.

Opportunity to Provide Feedback through May 18

We invite the campus community to continue to provide input through Wednesday, May 18, using the online form. Comments may be offered anonymously, or individuals may opt to identify their name and unit affiliation.
We recently completed our last meeting with the AMP Advisory Committee and have entered the final drafting phase of the planning process. I am incredibly grateful to the Advisory Committee and the Planning Team for their service and leadership. They have done a tremendous amount of work, and greatly influenced the development of key themes that represent CSU’s intellectual strengths, aspirations for increasing visibility for our world-class education and research, and strategies to turn our aspirations into reality.

I also want to acknowledge our university leadership, faculty members and staff who participated in planning meetings and fora. The broad input from our community has been invaluable, rich with ideas, heartfelt and anchored in deep pride and passion. Many people also contributed through our online form.

Current Work & Next Steps

We are now in the final drafting phase of the AMP process. With that we have outlined a draft plan and are creating an implementation framework to serve as a roadmap for AMP. This roadmap will be focused on prioritization for implementation of goals, a baseline and key performance indicators, and a timeline. As part of the implementation framework, we will consider where we are now (i.e., the baseline), and determine what we need by way of resources to achieve our goals (e.g., people, space and operations, technology, and budget) to get us to where we aspire to be.

We are looking at both incremental, long-term change, and more immediate opportunities that we can capture or create to advance goals in the short-term. Our Planning Team will continue working over the summer to refine the AMP implementation framework with opportunities for the CSU community to engage in the fall.

For more information about AMP, please visit the website: https://courageous.colostate.edu/academic-master-plan/. On the site you will find:

- Phase Three Spring 2022 Fora Presentations (these have the most recent draft themes, aspirations and strategies compiled through Advisory Committee and campus input)
- Presentations and Resources for all Fora including the Provost’s Fall Forum
- Phase One and Phase Two Reports (compiled prior to the Spring fora)
- Recent SOURCE stories on AMP
- Online Feedback Form (noted above)

Thank you!

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