Research in the Capitol
Thursday, March 25
UNI Men’s Basketball in the Sweet Sixteen
Overview

Campus Updates
Ben Allen, President

Updates by Vice Presidents

Office of Sponsored Programs
Christy Twait, Assistant Provost for Sponsored Programs
Budget

FY10 Supplemental Appropriations
  • Selected Expenses
  • Carry Forward Tuition Dollars

FY11 Budget
  • Appropriations
  • Enrollment Expectations
  • Advanced Commitments

FY12 State Budget Concerns
March Board of Regents

Outcomes

• General Fund Support of Athletics
• Cost Savings Directives
• Honorary Degrees
• Program Reductions
Vice President Updates
Who We Are
How UNI Is Doing
What Challenges We Face
Our Response to Challenges

Office of Sponsored Programs
The mission of the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is to advance and support creative activity and scholarly research.

Research Services

- Intellectual Property—Co-manage with BCS
- Sponsored Funding—pre and post award
How UNI Is Doing

Nearly doubled the number of first-time Principal Investigators from this past year over the previous

Increased Sponsored Funding by 28% in the past two years

NASA Space Grant Consortium and NASA EPSCoR—$2-3 million annually

Center for Disability Studies for Literacy, Language and Learning—$3 million in the past 15 months
Teacher Quality Partnership—$3.2 million to UNI over the next 5 years—partnership with State DE

CEEESTEM—$1.6 million NSF grant became national center funded congressionally

Robert Noyce Scholarships—$800,000 NSF grant

Iowa Business Peer-to-Peer Network—$300,000

Campus sustainability initiatives—$300,000
Challenges We Face

Insufficient statewide awareness of what UNI has to offer

Increasing federal research regulations

Increased award numbers = Increased award mgmt

Departmental silos

Reacting vs. Strategic Planning

Complex Contract Negotiations

Culture Change

Balance between Submission and Provocateur/Facilitator
OUR RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

Foster Interdisciplinary Research

- 2009 All-day Interdisciplinary Research Symposium—Michael Crow keynote
- Research Connexus
- Launched the UNI PI (Professional Interests) Database
- 2010 Small Grant Competition
- Facilitation of interdisciplinary teams to pursue federal funding
OUR RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES
Increase Statewide Awareness of UNI’s Research and Creative Activity

• Bi-monthly UM&PR meetings
• Research and Creative Activity web pages
• Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)
• Iowa Innovation Council
• Corporate R&D Program
OUR RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

Research Climate and Culture

- New Faculty Orientation
- Policy Development
- LEAN Review for Grants Administration
- Contract Negotiation Tracking and Metric
- Dept. Head Workgroup to Discuss Recognition and Reward of Grant Writing and Receipt
- Center Development
- 2 Full-time Grant Specialists
Your Innovation Resource
Questions?