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IV. CORE REQUIREMENT FOUR

Statement

The institution has a clearly defined and published mission statement specific to the institution and appropriate to an institution of higher education, addressing teaching and learning and, where applicable, research and public service.

USF St. Petersburg's Mission Statement

USF St. Petersburg offers distinctive graduate and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education within a close knit, student-centered learning community that welcomes individuals from the region, state, nation and world. We conduct wide-ranging, collaborative research to meet society's needs and engage in service projects and partnerships to enhance the university and community's social, economic and intellectual life. As an integral and complementary part of a multi-campus university, USF St. Petersburg retains separate identity and mission while contributing to and benefiting from the associations, cooperation and shared resources of a premier national research university.

In September, 2002 a Vice President's Task Force on Campus Planning was charged with reviewing, refining and guiding campus-wide approval of the USF St. Petersburg Strategic Plan. The Task Force membership included a representative view of the campus constituencies to include members from the following: Finance and Administration, Advancement, Student Affairs, Human Resources, USPS Council (staff council for University Support Personnel Services), Poynter Library, Faculty from the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business and Education, and student representatives. A Task Force on Campus Planning membership roster and its charge is provided in Attachment

P: [Roster & Charge](#). For nearly five months the Task Force deliberated, drafted, shared and revised this important mission statement, along with the Values, Vision and Goals that would guide USF St. Petersburg and its strategic planning over the next five years. It is anticipated that the next formal review of the USF St. Petersburg Mission will take place during the 2008/09 academic year.

As the campus assumes responsibility for orientation of a faculty cohort that includes 50 new members, as well as an entirely new administration team, a new and innovative approach is being taken to educate and disseminate the institution's mission. The "I AM USF ST. PETERSBURG " campaign reminds the campus and the broader community of the ways in which individuals affect and in turn, are affected by, USF St. Petersburg's mission. The acronym I AM stands for Individuals Are the Mission and speaks to the value that USF St. Petersburg places on each individual contributing to and serviced by our mission. Features of "I AM USF ST. PETERSBURG " appear weekly in the campus's electronic *E-News* publication available to all who access USF St. Petersburg web site. Sample articles in *E-news* are provided in [Attachment Q](#).

USF St. Petersburg's mission statement was adopted and approved by the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board on February 24, 2003 (see USF St. Petersburg Campus Board Meeting Minutes of 2/24/03, Action Item 9.2 in [Attachment R](#)).

Below is a list of steps leading to the adoption of the current USF St. Petersburg mission statement:

November 2000:

USF St. Petersburg developed a campus Strategic Plan as part of the university-wide "USF 2000" campaign.

February 2001:

USF St. Petersburg's Strategic Plan was revised to update action items.

August 2001:

USF St. Petersburg's Strategic Plan was submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) with the campus's original application for separate accreditation.

September 2002:

A campus-wide Task Force on Campus Planning was formed and charged with reviewing and revising the mission, values, vision and goals of the Strategic Plan.

January 2003:

A draft of the strategic planning statements was disseminated to faculty and four campus constituency groups for review and comment. The constituency groups included the USF St. Petersburg Faculty Council, The USF St. Petersburg A&P (Administrative & Professional Employees) Council, the USPS (University Support Personnel Services Employees) Council and the USF St. Petersburg Student Government.

February 2003:

The draft planning statements document was reviewed individually with members of the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board, campus leadership and in an open public forum for the broader St. Petersburg/Pinellas community on February 12, 2003.

February 24, 2003:

USF St. Petersburg Strategic Planning Statements are presented for approval by the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board. USF St. Petersburg Strategic Planning Statements are approved unanimously by the Board [Attachment R](#).

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Minimum Documentation Required

1. Copy of mission statement as it appears in the catalog and other institutional documents.
2. A description of how it was developed and approved and how it is reviewed.
3. A list of institutional publications where the statement of purpose is described.

Supporting Documents:

Attachment P	USF St. Petersburg Task Force on Campus Planning: Roster and Charge
	The USF St. Petersburg Mission appears in:
USF SP Home	Linked to the USF St. Petersburg web site home page
USF SP Acad Affairs Home	Linked to the USF St. Petersburg Academic Affairs web page
Campus Planning Library Site	On the USF St. Petersburg Library web page
Attachment Q	Weekly in the on-line E-news campus information letter - I AM USF ST. PETERSBURG campaign
USF SP SACS Home	Linked to the USF St. Petersburg SACS accreditation web site
USF SP #2	In the USF St. Petersburg Strategic Plan
USF SP #3	In the USF St. Petersburg Undergraduate Catalog
USF SP #4	In the USF St. Petersburg Graduate Catalog
USF SP #5	In the USF St. Petersburg Faculty Handbook
USF SP #6	In the USF St. Petersburg Student Handbook
USF SP #7	In the USF St. Petersburg Constitution
Attachment R	In the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board Minutes recorded on February 24, 2003, Action Item 9.2

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