Strategic Planning: Framework and Next Steps

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Framework document issued

- Approved by Board of Trustees on January 30, 2016
- Designed to be flexible and revisable
Major themes

• Reaffirming Princeton’s core values and commitments as a liberal arts research university

• Recognizing Princeton’s responsibility for leadership in a world where superb education and research are urgently needed and all too rare

• Responding to technology’s impact on society, education, and research
Reaffirming Princeton’s core values

• Sustain a world class faculty in every field
• Enhance diversity and inclusivity at all levels and in all fields
• Ensure the vibrancy of residential life
• Reaffirm Princeton’s signature commitment to affordability in undergraduate education
• Provide stipends that will attract and support the best graduate students
• Adjust the size of the graduate student body strategically and selectively
Exercise leadership in education and research

• Begin planning to expand the undergraduate class by 125 students per year

• Increase socioeconomic diversity and add a small transfer admissions program

• Renew and enhance Princeton’s commitment to service

• Exercise visible leadership in the arts and humanities

• Increase scholarly strength in the study of key regions and cultures

• Build an interdisciplinary program and new facilities in environmental studies
Respond to technology’s impact

- Invest, including in new facilities, to support SEAS
- Expand faculty in computer science, statistics, and machine learning
- Develop and extend Princeton’s distinctive approach to entrepreneurship
- Support students and scholars in the use of digital techniques
- Continue to explore how online pedagogy can enhance teaching
- Cultivate Princeton’s innovation ecosystem
What’s next?

• Framework articulates general priorities, not specific actions

• Task forces continue to meet
  – Comments welcome!
  – Responses from administration will follow
  – If we are able to do everything the task forces recommend, we will have failed!

• Additional follow-up required