



## Report of the Ad Hoc Presidential Priorities Committee

In fall



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Framework *I.*



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## *II. Strategic Priority: Advance Innovation and Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity*

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Description: Recognize and appreciate that advancement in knowledge is essential to the mission of a university, and that it is the foundation of our contribution to the classroom and to the community

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Goals: Appreciate, recognize, and support the diversity of research, scholarship, and creative activity across campus

Potential Mechanisms to advance the Goals:

- Provide administrative and structural support to foster funded-research opportunities obtaining grants from federal, state, and private institutions
- Provide long-term management of awarded grants
  - Provide post-award administrative support to faculty
  - Create a grant support center
  - Align with standard operating practices
  - Provide research support
- Support and recognize research, scholarship, and intellectual contributions that are not funded by external grants, but are worthy by the standards of the relevant discipline
  - Set expectations for teaching and service so as to provide time for the research and scholarship of those faculty whose work is not funded by grants
- Advance research centers as mechanisms to collect data, generate knowledge, and connect us to the community
  - Search for means to provide stable funds versus soft money to sustain centers
- Support research centers as ways to gain global recognition and increase CSU reputation
  - Utilize centers to enhance research, teaching, innovation, and community engagement
- Enhance and increase the number of research and graduate assistantships
- Foster collaborations with local, regional, national, and international institutions
- Foster collaborations between the natural / applied sciences and social sciences / humanities; across colleges as well as across departments
- Create more named / endowed / distinguished professorships and appoint faculty to them on the basis of research, scholarship, or creative work; utilize these professorships to address other related needs, such as GAs, combating salary compression, and reducing turnover
- Study and emulate aspirational public urban universities (e.g., Pitt



