University of Kansas
Energizing the Educational Environment

Strengthen teaching and mentoring to position all students for lifelong learning, leadership, and success

A. Renew KU’s General Education curriculum
   - Share draft educational goals and learning outcomes with KU community
   - Develop recommendations for curriculum tied to goals and outcomes
   - Establish core curriculum courses that achieve learning outcomes
   - Form oversight administration of KU core curriculum
   - Use web-based technology to improve advising and timely graduation

B. Integrate and streamline academic advising
   - Implement block enrollment in freshman year to construct cohorts
   - Adopt procedures to aid students in choosing majors
   - Provide clear paths to professional schools
   - Develop a central academic unit to coordinate undergraduate advising

C. Invest in opportunities for first-year intellectual engagement
   - Develop 3-credit hour, topical, discussion format, first-year seminars
   - Revive learning communities and initiate other cohort learning opportunities
   - Institute a common book program
   - Integrate study abroad into undergraduate curricula
   - Increase funding for undergraduate research

D. Enhance experiential learning across the undergraduate curriculum
   - Establish a Center for Experiential Learning
   - Channel students into experiential learning tracks
   - Develop guidelines for experiential learning products
   - Develop active or engaged learning components for core curriculum courses
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E. Promote deep learning and higher order thinking through course redesigns
   - Recruit & provide faculty incentives to redesign courses around high-impact and evidence-based practices
   - Develop course design studio and expand course redesign workshops
   - Analyze results of pilot redesigns to refine and redesign models
   - Adopt systems to archive student work and facilitate review of courses
   - Develop active or engaged learning components for core curriculum courses