

Update on Aspire 2020 Initiatives

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Key Norman Campus Research Statistics in 2010

- New record in research awards – exceeded \$100M for first time. The increase of \$29 million from previous year (40%) was largest one-year increase in NC history.
- New record in research expenditures – more than \$86 million, the second largest year-to-year increase in NC history.

Key Activities to Date from Aspire 2020

- Launch of Aspire 2020
- Establishment of the Center for Research Program Development and Enrichment (CRPDE)
- New Strategic Initiative in Defense, Security and Intelligence (DSI) research including a cluster hire in radar engineering
- Initial steps toward a campus-wide Undergraduate Research Program
- Launch of the Research Liaison Program
- Launch of the Faculty Research Challenge Grant Program (about to be announced)
- Launch of a new VPR Research Awards Program
- Initial steps toward a Faculty Research Incentives and Rewards Program
- Comprehensive evaluation of Research Council portfolio and addition of \$50K
- Pilot Research Council Program on Potentially Transformative Research
- Re-competition of University Strategic Organizations (USOs) (about to be announced)
- Comprehensive inventory of research facilities and equipment
- Weekly lunches with faculty

Key Plans for 2011

- Complete first competition of the Faculty Research Challenge Grants Program
- Launch three new Aspire 2020 Action Teams (tentatively Graduate Research, Undergraduate Research, Education)
- Establish the Center for Applied Research and Development (CARD)
- Facilitate several bold, multi-disciplinary research projects with industry and Federal agencies
- Continue implementing program of Faculty Research Incentives and Rewards
- Implement a strategic Undergraduate Research Program
- Launch new VPR web site
- Launch new Research Council portfolio (fall, 2011) and web support environment
- Begin discussions about improvements to the Sponsored Research Incentives (SRI) program
- Launch faculty leadership development program