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Unit Mission Statements

(Institutional Self-study, Criterion One, p. 9)

Armour College of Engineering

Today, every facet of human society is being affected by advances in engineering and science. This rapidly shifting social order makes education and research in engineering more important than ever, especially in a technology-based university such as IIT. The mission of the Armour College of Engineering is to provide state-of-the-art education and research programs to educate a new breed of engineers (*Transforming Lives*), and to strengthen Armour's leadership role in research by focusing on our core research competencies and enhancing partnerships with industry, government laboratories, and academic and research institutions (*Inventing the Future*).

We seek to provide our students with a strong fundamental knowledge of engineering principles, the capability to apply their knowledge to broad interdisciplinary areas, and an understanding and appreciation of the economic, environmental, and social forces that impact intellectual choices. This new breed of engineers will enhance Armour's reputation as an internationally-recognized engineering school.

College of Science and Letters

The mission of the College of Science and Letters is to deliver superior educational and research opportunities through its bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs as well as certificate, professional masters, and short-course programs. It seeks to achieve prominence in select areas within the academic fields represented in the college. As such, it engages in nationally and internationally recognized research and scholarship. Additionally, as the core of the university's curriculum, the College of Science and Letters also provides responsive, appropriate service courses for students from other academic units and promotes interdisciplinary and collaborative research among faculty and students within and outside the college and IIT.

Center for Professional Development

The Center for Professional Development (CPD) offers technology-oriented education and training for working professionals. The CPD leverages IIT's extensive experience in adult education and distance learning with the wide breadth of industry, teaching, and research experience of IIT faculty and subject-matter professionals to offer programs in the fields of interest of working professional who are interested in advancing their careers.

Institute of Design

The Institute of Design (ID) is a graduate school of IIT dedicated to improving the process of innovation by developing and teaching a methodological, human-centered approach to design.

The Institute of Design has three goals:

- *Build design methods:* We build methods in four major areas of design that can be applied by organizations to current innovation problems and opportunities. These are
    - understand users and situations,
    - identifying patterns,
    - exploring alternatives, and
    - envisioning the future.
- *Shared design knowledge with the world*: Extend these methods of user-centered problem solving to organizations that create products, communications, services, environments, or systems for human use.
- *Prepare professionals who can use this knowledge to lead design and innovation in their organizations.* Provide advanced education for a new type of professional who can lead the development of new technologies and systems that create meaningful value for users and companies.

Chicago-Kent College of Law

The mission of Chicago-Kent College of Law (Chicago-Kent) is to train students for the practice of law and to house a vibrant, scholarly community that contributes to both academic and public policy discourse on a wide range of legal issues.

Stuart School of Business

The mission of the Stuart School of Business (SSB) is to provide experienced working professionals and career-entry students from all countries with a range of intellectually-challenging graduate-level business education programs taught from a practical perspective with an emphasis on analytic/quantitative skills and the relationship between business and technology; and, to conduct applied research in business and management.

College of Architecture

The College of Architecture's programs of study emphasize investigations in architectural design and technology while expanding the significance of such investigations through rigorous, critical thought. The college draws strength from its heritage, its key position in the legacy of modernism, its location in Chicago, and its connections to progressive practitioners and emerging global architectural practices.

Our students, faculty and alumni are intellectually serious, professional, and international.

Architectural education at IIT offers unique combinations, intertwining design and technology to produce advanced architecture. Our commitment includes the needs of our South Side Chicago neighborhood, our city and its inhabitants. Our perspective is inclusive of architecture's allied disciplines and committed to highest quality in our student's professional preparation. Our mission relies on certain guiding values: design excellence, technical expertise, advanced professional practice, and respect for the architect in society today—as an ethical, thoughtful, and informed producer not only of buildings but also of all visual and physical environments. IIT architecture is a force for quality built environments and society's advancement through humane use of technology, materials, space, and form.

Institute of Business and Interprofessional studies

The Institute of Business and Inter-Professional Studies (IBIS) houses the business and related interprofessional programs of IIT. Its mission is to train the next generation of business and professional leaders who can bridge the increasingly complex world of technology with that of effective and efficient business management. The mission of the components that comprise IBIS is designed to provide IIT's students, especially its undergraduate students, with real world, hands-on experiences and knowledge producing highly marketable, highly demanded team leaders, managers, and executives for both established and start-up enterprises.

Institute of Psychology

The Institute of Psychology is committed to providing quality broad based undergraduate and specialty graduate education in the areas of clinical psychology, industrial/organizational psychology and rehabilitation psychology. All programs offer didactic, research, and applied experiences designed to be consistent with the Boulder Model of Scientist/Practitioner Psychology Training. An objective of this approach is to provide a breadth and depth of training that is intended to maximize opportunities for professional functioning in industry, healthcare, and post-doctoral training.

Communications and Marketing

The mission of the Communications and Marketing (C&M) unit is to promote understanding of and support for IIT among its internal and external audiences.

In partnership with its clients, C&M will: provide communication and marketing services to key university offices, departments, and programs with specific focus on the institutional level and revenue-generating units of the university such as undergraduate, graduate, and Stuart enrollment efforts; support initiatives to attract and retain donors; provide news and information to IIT faculty, staff, alumni, donors, trustees/advisors, media, friends, and the public; and manage electronic communications.

Enrollment Management

The mission of Enrollment Management at IIT is to strengthen and enhance the university's competitive market position and reputation in Chicago, the nation, and the international community by implementing marketing and recruitment initiatives designed to enroll academically-strong, diverse undergraduate and graduate students.

External Affairs

The mission of the Office of External Affairs is to support the university's enrollment, research, and service goals through influencing city, state, and federal government, by actively engaging IIT's surrounding communities, and by supporting the attraction and engagement of members of the Board of Trustees.

Facilities Management

The mission of Facilities Management is to enhance the physical environment in which members of the IIT community learn and work every day. We recognize that first class maintenance of the campus grounds and facilities is of paramount importance to the university's ability to attract and retain students, faculty, and staff. In addition, the physical condition of the campus has an impact on research and institutional advancement efforts. Therefore, we seek to constantly modernize and upgrade the university's physical infrastructure while improving our cost effectiveness and efficiency.

Financial Affairs

The mission of Financial Affairs is to deliver the highest quality finance services, in the most efficient and effective way possible and to serve the needs of our students, faculty, fellow staff, and business partners.

Paul V. Galvin Library

The mission of the Paul V. Galvin Library and its branch libraries (the IIT Library System) is to acquire, organize, provide access, preserve, and disseminate recorded information and knowledge consistent with the needs and societal concerns of the IIT community and its educational mandates.

Galvin Library's core mission areas are:

- Collections
- Services
- Instruction

These are supported by financial and physical resources from the university and external sources.

Housing and Auxiliary Services

To provide superior services to the campus community that impact the quality of life outside of the classroom and provide administrative support and services to the entire campus community with an emphasis on customer services.

IITRI/Life Sciences

IITRI-Life Sciences is a contract research and development organization (CRO) with primary strengths in cancer research, preclinical drug development, safety assessment, and biodefense. Our staff of 150 provides research, non-clinical testing, and drug development services under contract to several branches of the U.S. government, and to commercial sponsors in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, chemical, agricultural chemical, and consumer products industries. In addition, IITRI scientists perform basic research programs supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health and other funding agencies.

International Affairs

The mission of the Office of International Affairs (OIA) is to develop and maintain relationships with institutions, companies, and individuals in order to recruit high-quality, tuition-paying foreign students, offer distance learning programs abroad, involve international IIT graduates in the advancement of the university, and develop opportunities for IIT students to study abroad. Its goals are to create and effectively market the IIT brand overseas, assure high quality services to international applicants and students, link international alumni, and encourage and assist faculty in building international relationships and developing international experiences for students.

Institutional Advancement

Institutional Advancement cultivates, nurtures, and expands relationships with individuals, foundations and corporations with the goal of generating significant ongoing contributions to IIT which support and/or pay for university programs and projects.

Office of Technology Services

The mission of the Office of Technology Services (OTS) is to support the university's vision and mission by improving the accessibility, availability, and reliability of technology services to enable members of the IIT community to achieve their full potential in teaching, learning, and research.

Research and Graduate College

The mission of the office of Vice Provost for Research (Research) is to encourage and support research at IIT by promoting IIT's research capabilities to federal and state agencies, national research laboratories, and industry and providing research support services and seed funding to IIT faculty and staff. This mission of the Graduate College

Office of Academic Affairs is to facilitate the process of graduate education through meticulous maintenance of student records, close monitoring of student progress, and timely identification of students whose progress is lagging.

Student Affairs

The Office of Student Affairs seeks to round out the overall value proposition of the IIT experience. This value not only serves to retain current students for the completion of their degree, but also drives increased enrollment as the overall sense of campus life is enhanced and communicated to prospective students. The primary drivers of this mission will be establishing a significant retail, restaurant, and entertainment presence in the immediate campus neighborhood and significant investment in campus facilities that makes students proud of the environment that they live and study in.

Undergraduate College

The mission of the Undergraduate College (UC) is to support the undergraduate academic programs offered by the university’s degree granting units, to enhance the undergraduate academic experience, and to provide programs supporting improved student retention. To achieve its goals, the UC is committed to serving students by providing programs and support services in their coursework and curriculum development as well as synergistic areas in student affairs.

University Safety

University Safety is comprised of three separate functions: public safety, environmental and occupational safety, and emergency response planning. The mission of IIT’s Public Safety Department is to support the university's educational goals by advocating a secure environment in which to explore diverse social, cultural, and academic ideas and to pursue knowledge. In addition to discharging its specific duties and responsibilities, the department maintains a continuous and harmonious relationship with other law enforcement agencies and community leaders.

The Office of Environmental and Occupational Safety works to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local safety and environmental regulations by assisting departments in devising appropriate safety procedures and training. The office also oversees the university's risk management function and interfaces with insurance providers, as well as manages utility purchasing and cost sharing.

The mission of Emergency Response Planning is to ensure that the university has the necessary plans and procedures in place to allow it to continue to operate in an emergency or crisis situation.