

YSU 2020

Cornerstone on Regional Engagement Executive Summary August 2013

The Regional Engagement Cornerstone team of YSU's 2020 Strategic Planning Initiative is pleased to provide the following updates since the last report in May 2013.

As the new Cornerstone Chair, Scott Evans, Vice President for University Advancement, has recruited the following individuals across the campus to the team in order to garner new and broader perspectives on what may be done to bolster YSU's efforts to engage the region:

Mr. Michael Hripko, Director, STEM College
Dr. Sylvia Imler, Interim Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
Dr. Tammy King, Associate Dean, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services
Jackie LeVisuer, Director of Alumni and Events Management
Mark Van Tilburg, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications

The expanded cornerstone team will conduct its first meeting for the fiscal year on August 12, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to review the initiatives that are underway and planned, discuss new ideas for the future and determine next steps for the team. President Randy Dunn will be present to share his insights. A report of this meeting will be shared with the members of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University in September 2013.

The Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC) conducted an open house on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at OH WOW! Children's Center in Youngstown. Youngstown State University is a member of the Consortium, and Dr. Ron Chordas, Associate Provost for University Outreach, serves as a member on the board of the Consortium. NEOSCC consists of 12 Ohio counties, and its mission is to create a more vibrant, resilient and sustainable region. The purpose of the meeting was to gather public feedback on various scenarios that were presented that will impact the future of Northeast Ohio. Roughly 75-100 people attended the workshop.