

Youngstown State University

**Defining Principles
for the Strategic Planning Process**

YSU's strategic plan represents a shared vision of what YSU seeks to become and specific strategies to achieve it. An open and continuous endeavor, the strategic planning process is designed to guide a dynamic University capable of responding in a timely fashion to new opportunities and changing internal and external circumstances. The plan reflects campus- and community-wide collaboration and discussion.

The Strategic Plan will

- represent YSU's commitment to provide all students open access to a high-quality education.
- state how YSU interacts with and responds to community needs and opportunities.
- guide development of annual action plans and budgets, connecting human and other resources to identified priorities and supporting initiatives.
- guide the University in identifying programs and activities that will be continued and discontinued.
- establish a vision for achieving identified priorities by YSU's centennial year in 2008.

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