

## ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN - PARTNERSHIPS SUBCOMMITTEE

### Summary Report

The Academic Master Plan Partnerships Subcommittee offered the following recommendations with regard to the partnerships goal (Goal III) of the 2015-2025 Academic Master Plan at Middle Tennessee State University.

1. Revise Goal III to read:

**“Middle Tennessee State University will promote partnerships and public service that produce *real impact* on communities within the University and on communities within which the University resides and functions.”**

Foundational statement in support of Goal III:

The overarching theme of the partnerships goal is that we have a *responsibility* to generate *real impact* (i.e., substantive and positive) achieved by focusing on the quality of partnerships rather than on the quantity of partnerships. We understand “community” to be *relational* in nature rather than geographic; moreover, we understand partnerships to be necessarily *reciprocal*. *Recognition* of meaningful partnerships is essential to long-term success in partnering.

2. Replace Strategic Direction 1 with:

**“Middle Tennessee State University will embrace its *responsibility* to identify community needs and develop solutions to meet those needs.”**

3. Replace Strategic Direction 2 with:

**“Middle Tennessee State University will actively engage in partnerships of *reciprocity* that benefit both the University and members of communities represented by those partnerships.”**

4. Replace Strategic Direction 3 with:

**“Middle Tennessee State University will celebrate impactful University partnerships and public service through *recognition* of members who exemplify the spirit of partnership and/or service and will actively publicize the accomplishments of those members.”**

5. Delete Strategic Direction 4 and its supporting material.

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