



**Vision**

To be a top-ranking institution that generates impactful research to advance its mission

**Mission**

We *prepare* transformational leaders as highly qualified teachers, reflective practitioners, effective administrators and engaged researchers who influence educational policies and practices relevant to Black and other underserved populations; we *empower* individuals, schools, and communities; and we *promote* racial and social justice.

**Values**



**Excellence**—We value the relentless pursuit of excellence and integrity in teaching, research and service.



**Disciplined inquiry**—We value transformational, rigorous, systematic and culturally affirming scholarship that promotes and advances Black and other underserved communities.



**Equity and inclusion**—We value a climate that is inclusive, open and welcoming to diversity of people, ideas, and perspectives all aimed toward promoting equity, racial equality and social justice.



**Service**—We value service to our local, national and global communities through advocacy, professional development and education.



**Innovation**—We value innovation for advancing learning, discovery, research and practice.



**Collaboration**—We value collaborations and partnerships across sectors/disciplines aimed at co-constructing solutions for reducing disparities and improving equity.



**Continuous improvement**—We value ongoing self-reflection, evaluation and use of results for continuous improvement of programs and services.

Goals	Initiatives	Expected Outcomes
<p><b><u>Policy Influence</u></b> Significantly influence debates and policies on Black and other underserved children, families and professionals, particularly in urban settings</p>	<p><b>Develop an Advocacy Center</b> that will provide an organized space for faculty and, students, and community leaders to receive formalized training in advocacy and to actively participate in national policy and advocacy activities</p> <p><b>Incorporate advocacy experiences</b> through theory and practice to improve the application of equity and inclusion <b>throughout the curriculum</b> in each degree program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A formal committee/partnership of global leaders on urban education advocacy (3-12 partners)</li> <li>✓ Annual workshops by the Advocacy Center (2-4 per year)</li> <li>✓ Annual attendance at by Advocacy Center members at national advocacy activities (3-4 per year)</li> <li>✓ Advocacy Center services provided to the community (3-5 services)</li> <li>✓ Degree programs with an advocacy course or learning experience (3-5 programs)</li> <li>✓ Faculty invitations to speak for conferences, symposiums, seminars, meetings, workshops or public hearings (3-9 per year)</li> <li>✓ Faculty invitations to become members of national committees or professional boards (3-9 per year)</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Academic Excellence</u></b> Sustain students’ learning opportunities, outcomes, global engagement and proficient use of technology for social sciences</p>	<p><b>Provide holistic, interdisciplinary preparation</b> for students to ensure their training equips them to meet the needs of the individuals they serve</p> <p><b>Increase students’ global engagement</b> to improve their acceptance of cultural diversity and understanding of opportunity gaps</p> <p><b>Increase the use of instructional technology</b> in instructor-led courses</p> <p><b>Increase opportunities for distance learning</b> through online course offerings and hybrid degree programs</p> <p><b>Improve programmatic assessments and evaluations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ High student outcome rates in retention, on-time graduation, comprehensive exams, field evaluations and licensure exams (80-100%)</li> <li>✓ Substantive global education, service learning or student organization activities (3-5 per year)</li> <li>✓ Courses that require use of SAS, R, STATA, Python, SPSS, SQL or data visualization software (6-15 courses)</li> <li>✓ Online and hybrid degree programs or advanced certificates (1-3 programs or certificates)</li> <li>✓ Online course offerings (6-15 courses)</li> <li>✓ State-approved, nationally-recognized or accredited degree programs (6-12 programs)</li> </ul>

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<p><b><u>Research Impact</u></b> Expand the footprint of advanced research and data analysis</p>	<p><b>Develop courses</b> in structural equation modeling (SEM), hierarchical linear modeling (HLM) and other <b>advanced statistical models</b> to expand doctoral students’ skills in advanced statistical analysis</p> <p><b>Develop incentives to increase sponsored quantitative and qualitative research</b> that supports the SOE mission</p> <p><b>Provide</b> ongoing, systematic <b>professional development opportunities for faculty and students</b></p> <p><b>Establish partnerships</b> with state and local education agencies to <b>provide a professional development institute</b> for SOE stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increase in U.S. News &amp; World Report Ranking (top 100)</li> <li>✓ Professional development opportunities for faculty and students (2-4 per year)</li> <li>✓ Citations for faculty and students (320-450 per year)</li> <li>✓ Increase in funded research (\$3-10M)</li> <li>✓ Presentations made at conferences by faculty and students (6-12 per year)</li> <li>✓ Professional development workshops provided by faculty to SOE stakeholders (3 per year)</li> <li>✓ Partnerships with educational agencies (3-5 partnerships)</li> <li>✓ High pass rates in advanced statistics and advanced qualitative research courses (80-100%)</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Operational Excellence</u></b> Operate efficiently and effectively across all departments in the School of Education</p>	<p><b>Streamline core processes</b> related to academic affairs such as recruitment, graduation, assessment, accreditation and fundraising</p> <p><b>Increase the reliability and validity</b> of operations</p> <p><b>Improve operational assessments</b></p> <p><b>Provide</b> ongoing, systematic <b>professional development opportunities for staff</b></p> <p><b>Establish partnerships</b> with foundations and corporations to <b>increase technological resources and funding opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Maintain excellent customer service</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Annual administrative unit assessment</li> <li>✓ SOE standing committee meetings (4-8 per year)</li> <li>✓ Exceptional time-to-response for requests (2-7 days)</li> <li>✓ High percent of on-time deliverables (80-100%)</li> <li>✓ Professional development opportunities for staff (2-4 per year)</li> <li>✓ Foundation and corporate partners (3-5 partners)</li> <li>✓ High percent of course assessments in Taskstream (80-100%)</li> <li>✓ Increase in SOE funding opportunities (8-20 covering full tuition; 12-25 covering partial tuition)</li> <li>✓ Hosted events with SOE stakeholders (2-4 per year)</li> <li>✓ Increase in enrollment (20-50%)</li> <li>✓ High percent of “Satisfied” ratings on customer service surveys (80-100%)</li> </ul>