

MU Extension Selected Goals for FY17

Innovation:

Nexus@Mizzou — MU Extension is in the discovery phase of an online project that integrates multiple e-commerce and event registration software solutions into a comprehensive learning website. The project, known as Nexus@Mizzou, will provide quick access to an extensive range of online and offline learning experiences. Extension will complete the discovery phase and roll out an implementation schedule in late October 2016. Aspects of the system will be operational by mid-2017, but because of the breadth of learning experiences to be offered, the buildout of the system will take several years to complete. MU Extension is networking with other campus units to explore their interest in collaborating with the project.

Engagement:

Statewide needs assessment — MU Extension facilitators will conduct focused Community Conversations in up to 30 Missouri sites in early 2017. These will capture the voice and vision of a broad array of constituents, strengthen ties to current and emerging stakeholders, and connect with partners to reach new and more diverse learners. To enhance programming and better understand community engagement opportunities with the broader university, results of the statewide data analysis will be shared with MU Extension as well as MU leaders and deans, and leaders at UMSL, Missouri S&T, UMKC and Lincoln University.

Listen and Learn tours — In fall and winter 2016, Marshall Stewart, vice chancellor for extension and engagement, will conduct a series of Listen and Learn tours around Missouri. The purpose of these meetings will be to meet with stakeholders to understand the reach and impact of broad-based MU Extension programs. Tentative dates and regions: Northwest – Sept. 7 and Oct. 18; Southwest – Sept. 26-27; East Central – Oct. 20-21; Northeast – Nov. 3-4; Southeast – Nov. 10-11; West Central – Dec. 19-20.

Stewardship and accountability:

MU Academic Units – MU Extension is working to establish written MOUs with all MU colleges, schools, and academic units where extension programs are housed. While each MOU may be slightly different, the agreements will articulate shared goals, as well as clear expectations concerning fiscal accountability, leadership and faculty expectations.

UM System and Lincoln University, our 1890s partner — MU Extension will update and renew MOUs with the three UM System campuses and with Lincoln University. Similar to the MU academic units, the agreements will articulate shared goals, as well as expectations concerning fiscal accountability, leadership and collaboration.

Inclusion, diversity and equity:

College Access — A multidisciplinary team from MU Extension; Division of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity; Truman School of Public Affairs; Enrollment Management; Student Affairs; and Advancement is teaming up to tackle obstacles that Mizzou's first-generation and underrepresented students face such as college readiness, access, recruitment and retention. Major gift proposals are planned.