



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

To: President's and Provost's Advisory Committee (PPAC)

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Subject: Request for Continuing Advice about Targeted Investments in Excellence

The centrally funded Targeted Investments in Excellence (TIEs), as well as the locally funded TIEs, are intended to stimulate scholarship and knowledge generation that make a significant impact on major societal and global issues and also enhance the University's reputation and prestige. PPAC's advice and recommendations helped decide which TIE proposals would be provided with central funds.

We are now seeking your assistance in assessing the progress of each centrally funded TIE toward achieving the general objectives, as well the specific objectives outlined within the original TIE proposal and the implementation plan. As we enter this first cycle of formal reviews, your advice on the opportunities and challenges confronting each TIE would be especially helpful in considering the allocation of funds to each TIE for the next fiscal year.

Materials associated with each centrally funded TIE are at <http://oaa.osu.edu/TIE2.php> and include:

- the original proposal;
- the award letter;
- the implementation plan;
- the OAA response to the implementation plan; and
- the year-one annual report, May 2007.

This website also contains the complete archive of the TIEs, including the templates/documents, media coverage, and the proposals funded locally.

Attached is a one-page description of the review process. We anticipate calling upon PPAC annually to assist with review and evaluation of each centrally funded TIE. We hope that PPAC can provide feedback by August 3, 2007, so that FY-08 funds for each initiative can be released at the beginning of the next academic year.

Please send PPAC's assessments of the TIEs electronically to Vice Provost W. Michael Sherman at Sherman.4@osu.edu and contact him (or at 292-5881) with any questions.

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C: Deans
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Targeted Investments in Excellence Initiative

Objective: To utilize the expertise of the University's distinguished faculty who are members of the President's and Provost's Advisory Committee (PPAC) to provide guidance and recommendations to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Research on progress achieved by each *centrally funded* Targeted Investment in Excellence (TIE). PPAC's recommendations will be considered regarding the distribution of central funds to TIEs for the next academic year.

Initial Review: Summer 2007

Periodicity: Review every July, so that funds can be released for use during the next academic year.

Process: The process will include the following steps:

1. College(s) submit the TIE report to OAA by the end of the spring quarter.
2. OAA posts submitted TIE reports on the OAA website by the end of June.
3. PPAC reviews the report for each TIE during July and early August.
4. PPAC sends a review and evaluation of each TIE electronically to Vice Provost Mike Sherman by early August considering the following:
 - a. Are the accomplishments adequate and is there an appropriate trajectory for success?
 - b. Are there significant threats to success? If so, what might those be?
 - c. Are there opportunities to enhance success? If so, what might those be?
 - d. Are there concerns regarding the projected allocation of funds for the next academic year?
5. The Executive Vice President and Provost and the Senior Vice President for Research provide feedback to the appropriate deans regarding each TIE with a funding decision in September so funds are available for the next academic year.

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