A University of Innovation and Consequence

Systematize Student Purposeful Pathways

• A University of Innovation and Consequence is a place where each student’s individual pathway offers a transformative experience. Furman University’s distinctiveness is made up of a combination of foundational student experiences, including Pathways, four-year residential requirement, engaged learning, cultural life program, and advising & mentoring. This initiative seeks to intentionally intertwine student experiences to connect purposeful pathways to student outcomes through signature experiences like:
  • A Pathways Program that is a national leader in developing student belonging, learning, discourse, and communication across difference.
  • An exploration of potential pathways through MayX programs that offers a signature sophomore-year experience.
  • Targeted purposeful pathways initiatives that ensure study away, internships, and/or student research in a student's course of study.
  • Scaffolded exploration of vocational and avocational goals and career competencies through the four-year program.

Integrate Career Competencies into the Furman Experience

• This initiative would develop a comprehensive plan to integrate career competencies into the curricular and co-curricular student experience, support students with articulating the value of a liberal arts education, and ensure Furman graduates are prepared for post-graduation success.
Tell the Stories of The Furman Advantage

- A University of Innovation and Consequence is a place where we tell the stories of The Furman Advantage through the lives of students and alumni who understand themselves, the world, and their place in it. This initiative would include a targeted marketing effort to collect and promote innovative stories of curated individual pathways and demonstrate the value of the TFA.

Embolden the CLP Program

- This initiative would invite reflection and iteration in the CLP-program as we claim its role as a distinctive experience and degree requirement, and connect it to student learning in their purposeful pathway. An example of this already being considered is a pilot on CLPs related to well-being.

Enliven the four-year residency program

- A University of Innovation and Consequence is a place where our iteration of signature, foundational experiences provide a fun, experiential, and consequential experience for students. This initiative would develop a charge to examine Furman’s place-based traditions and suggest iterative ways to enliven the residential experience across a student’s four years on campus.
Employ Intellectual Resources to Support Greenville Community

- Become Greenville’s flagship university, known for its mutually beneficial partnership with the Greenville and Upstate community. This initiative would employ Furman’s intellectual capital (faculty/staff/student expertise, Institutes, Centers, etc.) to address regional issues (e.g. sustainability, entrepreneurship, diversity, and community health), enhance student learning, and generate revenue.

Develop Pioneering Masters Programs and Innovative Credentials

- While staying true to our core liberal arts mission, create innovative graduate programs and credentials that offer opportunities for upskilling, career advancement, and transformational development for professionals in the upstate, current students, and alumni while generating new streams of revenue.

Expand Alumni Engagement and Experiences

- A University of Innovation and Consequence is a place where our alumni are connected to their alma mater as they seek to lead lives of consequence. This initiative would expand relational opportunities for alumni to engage with the campus through alumni-focused programming (faculty-led study away, Institute programming, professional certificates, athletics) and opportunities to connect with current students (mentors, professional in residence, guest lectures).