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## Rowing, Not Drifting 2030 Phase III



## Phase I: Key Actions

- Develop and implement a plan to ensure UNC is a student-ready university at all academic levels.
- Complete the discovery phase of the Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) 2025 plan.
- Create systems of accountability, effectiveness, and collaboration to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion across the university.
- Establish an infrastructure and set a foundation for a supportive culture of careerlong professional development for faculty and staff.
- Enhance and refine career readiness in the curriculum for all disciplines.
- Develop a new university-wide data infrastructure focused on improving strategy, organizational effectiveness, and student success.

- Establish a robust infrastructure to support
  Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works that
  engages students and provides opportunities for
  faculty to contribute to the creation of new
  knowledge.
- Develop and deploy a consistent and constructive process of evaluating and rewarding employee performance while also fostering varied opportunities for feedback and growth outside of the traditional supervisor-employee dynamic.
- Develop and begin implementation of a datadriven strategic marketing and communications plan that showcases the university's important role on a local, regional, state, and national basis.
- Implement UNC's Rowing, Not Drifting 2030
   Campaign, including the creation of philanthropic investment opportunities, community engagement and fundraising goals, feasibility study, and timeline for all campaign phases.



## Phase II: Key Actions

- Develop and implement a Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) plan.
- Build on Phase I foundational work to ensure UNC is a Students First university.
- Continue development and implementation of faculty and staff recruitment, engagement, and retention plans.
- Create plans, structures, and programs that foster an inclusive environment at UNC where all individuals feel welcomed and supported.
- Create and implement an academic portfolio management plan.

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Enhance & Invest	The success of students relies on a healthy and strong team. We provide our faculty and staff with the support they need to succeed as professionals, educators, and in life. We foster an environment where their individual wellbeing and sense of belonging are vital to our collective success.	<ul> <li>UNC is a desirable place to work where we attract and retain talented staff and faculty who feel their contributions are valued.</li> <li>We provide and support personal and professional development opportunities and recognize those who seek enrichment through learning on and off campus.</li> <li>Scholarship is an essential part of informed learning occurring in and out of the classroom.</li> <li>We share a responsibility to continuously improve campus climate and culture to ensure a collective sense of belonging.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Faculty         Compensation</li> <li>Staff         Compensation</li> <li>Turnover</li> </ul>	Key Action 5: Continue development and implementation of faculty and staff recruitment, engagement, and retention plans.  Lead: Vice President for Finance and Administration  5.1 Prioritize a minimum 3% annual compensation increase for faculty and staff in budget provisions with continued focus on achieving peer median parity by 2030.  5.2 Review, revise, and establish human resources policies and practices to be consistent, equitable, and inclusive.  5.3 Identify, benchmark, prioritize, and improve on the drivers of employee satisfaction at UNC.  5.4 Create, expand, and promote professional development opportunities and identify pathways for career progression.  5.5 Expand the resources and support for faculty professional development in the areas of curriculum and pedagogy including the use of technology and generative AI in these areas.  5.6 Create a plan for the comprehensive review and enhancement of institutional business processes.

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Connect & Celebrate	Strong community connections provide authentic learning experiences and reciprocal partnerships and collaborations. We set the standard for how engaged universities enrich the lives of those on campus, throughout Colorado, and beyond.	UNC is the first-choice institution for students because of the quality of our programs, faculty, staff, and strategic relationships.	Cumulative     Amount Raised     Toward     Campaign Goal	Key Action 8: Identify strategic opportunities to deepen and build external connections and enhance partnerships with the growing local community and beyond.  Lead: Vice President for University Advancement  8.1 Make progress on goals for fundraising and alumni engagement as part of the Together, with Purpose campaign.  8.2 Launch and maintain the updated UNC website.  8.3 Increase brand awareness.  8.4 Increase community outreach and engagement through athletics, arts, and other campus programs.  8.5 Increase the availability of scholarships and the number of existing scholarships awarded.

	Academic Affairs Tactics of High-Impact Practices & Career Readiness	
Academic Year(s)	Description	Area(s)
25-26	Determine if we should require applied experience for all students, whether this is viable, if so how many, what counts as an applied experience, how to implementation, how to track etc.	Undergraduate Council
25-27	Implement an apprenticeship program for pre-service teachers through UNC's Center for Urban Education undergraduate early childhood education, elementary education and, speical education programs	College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
25-27	Increase the number of Study Abroads to x per year	Office of Global Engagement
24-26	Explore increasing participation in UNIV 101, including participation by students in the honors program	Undergraduate Studies, Liberal Arts Council, Academic Engagement and Student Academic Success
24-26	Grow the impact of entrepreneurship both in the arts and business	Monfort College of Business and the College of Performing and Visual Arts
24-25	Implement the career fellows program (nine faculty fellows from five colleges). The fellows will implement career readiness assignments into their courses.	Humanities and Social Sciences, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning
24-26	Increase the understanding of the value of a liberal arts education in career readiness. Consider using the Foundational Skills Award to help students understand the career value of the Liberal Arts Curriculum requirement embedded in every undergraduate degree.	Humanities and Social Sciences, Undergraduate Studies, Liberal Arts Council
24-26	Implement a co-op program	Natural and Health Sciences
25-26	Offer internship programs in the library	University Libraries
25-26	Fund Community Engagement fellows to coordinate service learning	Academic Affairs