

Ensure a Signature Portfolio of Academic Programs Team

Charge:

The Ensure a Signature Portfolio of Academic Programs Team, a subcommittee of the DU IMPACT 2025 Steering Committee, has been created to examine one of the five areas of focus highlighted by Chancellor Haefner and Provost Lengsfeld. The Team will develop concrete recommendations for transformative next steps in this area, due in a report by March 27th to Provost Lengsfeld. This team will present their recommendations to the full Steering Committee on March 20th.

The Focus Team will examine and develop recommendations to ensure a signature portfolio of academic programs, specifically:

- Instituting an agile, continual-improvement process for program review;
- Undertaking appropriate program refreshes;
- Increasing international footprint; and
- Evaluating and advocating for possible new programs.

The Team may also present other recommendations that support distinctive academic excellence. These recommendations could come from work already underway through the implementation of DU IMPACT 2025.

As the Team develops recommendations, they should be working with relevant offices, including the Office of the Provost, Institutional Research and more.

As the Team develops recommendations, they should determine which bodies representing different DU constituencies should endorse the recommendations prior to presentation to Provost Lengsfeld and Chancellor Haefner. The team should then work with those bodies to secure a formal vote of approval (if applicable) and/or informal votes of endorsement. This campus-wide engagement should be done before March 20th so that the recommendations are inclusive of campus-wide perspectives. The final report will need to include details about how many people were consulted, in what way and the results of those consultations.

The team should also include metrics for measuring success.

This team will also be responsible for reporting to the steering committee on the work of the following working groups:

- General Education and Review Inquiry;
- Online Program Management.
- Project X-ITE;
- Music, Art, design and technology
- Program KPI Dashboard;

- New Program Evaluation Pilot;

Next Steps:

Team leaders should send to the provost:

- A schedule that includes a regular meeting at least every two weeks, showing the day and time, and
- A campus engagement plan that includes opportunities for presentation to and input from the larger DU community to take place between December and February.