

MTSU Planning Committee Guide

I. Planning Committee

The MTSU Planning Committee is a special purpose, institutional direction committee chaired by the University Provost and established under [University Policy 32](#) University Committees.

Planning Committee Charge

Advise and assist the President in developing effective plans that will help the University carry out its mission.

The committee will be concerned with setting University objectives and priorities that:

- a. ensure the identification and assessment of educational outcomes for administrative and educational support services;
- b. ensure continuous improvements in outcomes;
- c. identify relevant challenges and opportunities;
- d. develop immediate and long-range plans for allocation and effective use of human, financial, and physical resources;
- ~~e. consider and recommend action on all issues affecting the organization of academic units, partnerships, centers, departments, schools, and colleges;~~
- f. monitor the University's performance in achieving its goals.

Planning Committee Membership and Meeting Minutes

[University Policy 32](#) University Committees outlines the membership of the MTSU Planning Committee.

The Provost's Office maintains the Planning Committee's [webpage](#), which includes the Planning Committee Member [roster](#), meeting minutes, and resources.

II. MTSU Mission

The MTSU Planning Committee reviews and recommends revisions, as needed, to the

- [MTSU Mission](#)
- [THEC Institutional Mission Profile](#)

The MTSU [Board](#) of Trustees [reviews and approves](#) revisions to the MTSU Mission and THEC Institutional Mission Profile submitted by the Planning Committee.

III. Strategic Plan 2035

In Spring 2025, the University Planning Committee, University Provost, and President recommended and received approval of the University's next strategic plan from the MTSU Board of Trustees. Implementation of the new plan begins in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Information about the plan’s development and implementation can be found on the Strategic Plan 2035 website, <https://www.mtsu.edu/strategicplan/>, including:

- [Large Format Brochure](#) with Implementation Cycle (page 7), Timeline (page 8), and Metrics and Success Indicators (page 10-11)
- [Printable Trifold Brochure with Framework Grid](#)
- [2025-2026 implementation plan](#)

Annual Review and Approval of Strategic Plan Implementation Activity Plans

Each year the MTSU Planning Committee will

- Review mid-year progress reports from implementation committees at its meeting in December or January
- Review annual progress reports and approve activity plans for the following year at its April meeting

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IV. Planning and Effectiveness

THEC Quality Assurance Funding

The [Tennessee Higher Education Commission](#) (THEC) coordinates the statewide [Quality Assurance Funding](#) program. The performance funding program is an incentive-based funding initiative “that encourages institutions to build comprehensive evaluation systems whereby they can reliably measure student learning.” The funds are used to improve the quality of the University’s academic programs and student services. The Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Research (IEPR) shares information with the University Planning Committee regarding THEC’s [QAF process](#) and [MTSU’s progress toward metrics](#).

MTSU Peer Institutions

IEPR maintains the list of MTSU's [peer and aspirational peer institutions](#) on its website. The University Planning Committee reviews and revises this list periodically as needed.

Institutional and Specialized Accreditation

The Vice Provost for Planning and Effectiveness and the Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Accreditation share updates as needed with the University Planning Committee regarding MTSU's [SACSCOC accreditation](#) and [specialized accreditation](#) activities.

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V. Student Achievement and Success

The University Planning Committee receives reports and reviews MTSU's progress toward student achievement and student success metrics.

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