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ACRONYMS

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| AO | Agent Office |
| BF | Business Faculty |
| CC | Coordination Center |
| CCTU | Career & Cooperative Training Unit |
| CEIQA | Center for Educational Improvement and Quality Assurance |
| CODL | College of Open & Distance Learning |
| COS | Community/Outreach Services |
| CPD | Continuous Professional Development |
| DE | Distance Education |
| HE | Higher Education |
| HEI | Higher Education Institute |
| HERQA | Higher Education Relevance and Quality Agency |
| ICO | Information Communication Office |
| ICT | Information Communication Technology |
| ICTDSU | ICT Development and Support Unit |
| IGNOU | Indrha Gandhi National Open University |
| LF | Law Faculty |
| LS | Library Services |
| MoU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| OoR | Office of the Registrar |
| SASS | Student affairs and Support Services |
| SMUC | St. Mary's University College |
| SP | Strategic Plan |
| SSOM | Secretarial Science and Office Management |
| TC | Testing Center |
| TEdF | Teacher Education Faculty |
| TM | Top management |
| TVET | Technical Vocational Training education |
| UC | University College |

INTRODUCTION

It is to be recalled that St. Mary's University College (SMUC) has developed and adopted a medium-term strategic plan for the period 2000–2004 EC that would lead to the realization of its institutional mission: *to become among the leading higher education centers of academic excellence and contribute to Ethiopia's development.* The strategic plan (SP), apart from setting the strategic directions and objectives, incorporated the core tasks that the institution need to accomplish during those five years.

Needless to say, the successful implementation of the SP – the achievement of the strategic objectives otherwise – requires a carefully designed short-term plan of actions as well as the efficient execution of same at the levels of the institution at large and the units thereof. This is, therefore, the annual plan of action for the year 2003 as part of the implementation of the SP during the fourth year of the above mentioned five years period.

This plan document presents the specific objectives desired to be achieved at the end of the year it is referring to, the activities need to be executed, the time frame for execution of those activities, the indicators of performance, and considerations taken in to account for planning.

The annual plan of action basically is initiated and prepared at major units (faculty, office, division and centre) level. The institutional plan which, of course, is the summative expression of that of all major units is also developed. Hence, the actions planed for the year are presented herein both at major unit (for each of the 20) & institution (SMUC at large) levels.

OBJECTIVES

The overall purpose of this plan is to ensure that the functioning of the institution at large is inline with the seven strategic directions and the achievement of the strategic objectives set forth in the strategic plan of SMUC. Hence, the plan of action is made to incorporate activities oriented to all of the seven strategic directions and targeting most of the 56 strategic objectives stated in the SP of the UC.

However, as a short-term target, the major units of the institution formulated specific objectives they desired to achieve, vis-à-vis each strategic direction, by the end of

the year 2003 through the implementation of their respective action plans. Those specific objectives of the major units included:

- Enhance the quality of services rendered to clients (students) through improve access to ICT and automated (ICT based) service delivery
- Improve the size and quality (skills & knowledge) of the human resource to render quality services
- Improve the implementation of internship or off-campus practical courses
- Ensure the smooth flow of academic events in the year through efficient scheduling which meets all reasonable requests
- Motivate and enhance the performance of students
- Augment SMUC's involvement in social development programs
- Ensure participatory decision-making through decentralization
- Enhance the services rendered to job seeker graduates

THE PLANNING UNITS

The annual plan herein is developed with reference to the top-two levels of operation or organizational structure: SMUC and the prime divisions thereof. The prime divisions of the institution referred to herein as Major Units, and include:

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| Faculty of Business | Faculty of Law |
| Faculty of Teacher Education | School of Graduate Studies |
| IGNOU Coordination Office | Community/Outreach Services |
| ICT Development and Support Unit | Office of the Registrar |
| Career & Cooperative Training Unit | Library Services |
| College of Open & Distance Learning | Testing Center |
| Student affairs and Support Services | Information & Communication Office |
| Gender Office | Research & Knowledge Management |
| CEIQA | Business and Administration Division |

THE PLANNING APPROACH

Though not uncommon in planning, coming up with a plan of action which is realistic, comprehensive and inline with the institutional vision was the issue of big attention in the process of producing this document. As a result, the formulation of this action plan referred to the following important documents:

- the Strategic Plan of SMUC, to ensure that the planned activities are inline with the strategic directions and leading to the strategic objectives of the institution at large;
- the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of SMUC, to ensure that the planned activities are specific, measurable and time bounded thereby their execution would be traceable;
- reports from major units of the institution on the accomplishment of planned activities in the preceded year (2002), to incorporate those activities planned to be executed last year but not yet and need to be executed in this planning year;
- the report issued by HERQA on the recent external quality audit done to SMUC, to formulate and implement quality enhancement plan thereby address the shortfalls identified & recommendations forwarded by the Agency;
- the research outputs (reports) of the UC that focused on the exploration and assessment of the internal situation and service delivery of the institution, such as Student Satisfaction Survey, Assessment of Course Planning and Implementation by Instructors, Student Attrition, Graduate Tracer Study, Employers Survey; and
- institutional policy and strategy documents issued by the UC, which includes Education Quality Enhancement Policy, Research Strategy, Faculty Handbook of the SMUC.

In addition, the planning was made to pass through a three-step process. First, the planning was initiated at the bottom where the first draft plan was prepared by the respective major unit and submitted to CEIQA. Then, each of the 20 draft documents

was reviewed by CEIQA with reference to the documents mentioned above and returned with feedback to the respective unit. Finally, CEIQA held meetings with each unit to discuss about and come up with the final draft plans at unit level.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

The following, by and large, are planned activities that thought to be major for at least for two reasons: appeared in the plans of different units, and/ or expected to have a multiplier effect on the performance of the institution at large. Hence, failing to execute them successfully may significantly influence the realization of the institutional plan in general. Hence, they deserve special attention by the respective units planned them as well as the top management of the UC.

Strategic Direction One: Enhance ICT & physical infrastructures of the UC

- Equip Department, offices and quarters with ICT facilities
- Post course and other supporting materials on the intranet
- Overhaul the existing mail system
- Develop IT security policy
- Establish secure VLAN
- Implement ISA server
- Prepare network blue print SMUC (Physical & logical design of SMUC network structure documented)
- Prepare information architecture of SMUC (Priorities for IS development set)
- Create IT asset configuration database
- Establish an MS Sharepoint portal service platform
- Establish centrally administered domain-based network at Bole campus
- **Manage the various IS systems centrally**
- Load computers with antivirus and update continuously (All computers)
- Implement Network diagnostic and performance measurement tools

- Develop a database (2 database constructed for information on the demand side of consultancy services in Ethiopia, and services of CCTU in MS-Access environment)
- Develop/ acquire software and implement systems automation (10 systems)
- Launch automated service of the library system
- Assess the existing information systems & prioritize for development of applications
- Load students data into the database of the registrar system
- Create a link/ webpage in the institutional website (for CCTU and list of vacancies posted; websites of employment agencies linked)
- Create access to dial-up internet connection for DE coordination centers (49)
- Acquire physical facilities (___Office, furniture, hardware, ___sports field)
- Establish clinic in Mexico Campus
- Renovate houses acquired at regions and start a formal or tutorial class in regular and extension (2 houses)
- Complete the construction of building at CODL compound
- Construct students' toilet at SGS (for the High School)
- Acquire ICT & science equipment donation from partners

Strategic Direction Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC

- Recruit academic and administrative staff (30+___ persons in full- and part-time)
- Prepare training manual (5)
- Conduct training need assessment for BAD
- Offer short-term training for staff (___ + 270 persons trained)
- Offer training to students (230 students trained)
- Prepare manpower plan
- Arrange experience sharing session

- Revise the HR structure of the Office of the Registrar incorporating Academic Programs Office and Kidist Mariam Secondary and Preparatory School
- Review the employee recruitment & selection process
- Conduct job satisfaction survey
- Develop and implement employee retention scheme
- Prepare and implement annual leave plan for administrative and academic staff
- Conduct biannual skill audit
- Evaluate the utilization of the medical insurance service
- Review HRM operational guidelines (4 documents)
- Develop succession plan

Strategic Direction Three: Improve the quality of teaching-learning & effectiveness of research, both in the conventional & distance mode

- Acquire hard copy books and journals for library (12+ ___ different types)
- Acquire e-resources for electronic library services (300)
- Prepare teaching materials (7+ ___ TVET and Diploma course materials)
- Revise the teaching materials
- Organize seminar/ panel discussions (___+6)
- Arrange educational trips for students (___ +3)
- Organize Guest Speech/ lecture (___+2)
- Provide academic advisory service to needy students
- Conduct practical/ internship sessions (for ___ students in ___ courses)
- Undertake research activities (___+ 3 conducted and 1 published in JBAS)
- Offer tutorial sessions for basic and major courses (___ sessions to ___ students)
- Maintain data about staff absenteeism, prompt grade submission and records of grade change

- Publish Journal and Bulletin (2 issues of the Mizan Law Review, 2 issues of The Teacher bulletin)
- Establish Center for Law in Sustainable Development (CLiSD)

Strategic Direction Four: Extend the services and outreach activities of the UC and augment its role as a local development partner

- Offer short (on-job) training to PO, NGO, GO and external community members (___ +615 persons from ___ +20 organizations)
- Offer legal aid service for needy community members by 4th year students
- Initiate tutorial programs in natural & social science areas in preparatory high school
- Initiate Translation & Editorial Service at institutional level
- Offer short-term professional consultancy services (___ +6 projects)
- Administer The Migration and Development Survey of Maastricht's University in Ethiopia
- Link SMUC graduates with employers and keep data on the employment status (400 Degree and 722 diploma graduates)
- Offer international test/s for individuals and special purpose tests for organizations/ institutions (24 TOEFL IBT and 24 special purpose tests)
- Promote services through mass media (TC & Outreach/ Community Services)
- Prepare manual, guideline, handbook (4 manuals)
- Sponsor community development and welfare services (6)
- Acquire external fund for social support & students' scholarship program
- Establish official contract with EMI, AACC and other renowned consultants to share the consultancy market
- Assess the possible areas of interventions & consultancy
- Produce a documentary film on community and outreach services of SMUC

Strategic Direction Five: Improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the administrative processes and services

- **Enhance** the relationship and team spirit of the academic staff (**By doing what?**)
- Manage (**Appraise?**) IT investment (Costs and benefits of all IT systems and infrastructure is documented)
- Plan IT asset capacity (All IT asset acquisitions and maintenance are planned)
- Conduct inventory of assets
- Involve staff members in the decision-making processes at major unit level
- Update the telephone directory of the UC
- Promote the services of the UC through mass media
- Compile monthly reports of the institution
- Develop system for preparation and submission of weekly property and financial management reports
- **Put in place effective purchasing system (What? How?)**
- **Ensure** that all vehicles of the UC are efficiently used and maintained (Transport log put in place and each vehicle is monitored; a regular and a stand-by transport facility made available all time at each campus)
- **Manage and oversee that effective cash management System is in place** (Daily cash collection & disbursement report, weekly surprise cash count)
- Develop efficient & effective system for monitoring monthly tuition fee collection
- Conducting supervision work at regional offices (visits to 60 regional offices)
- Preparing cash flow statement and interim financial statement for regular education program, CODL and SGS (Quarterly financial statement)
- Build a finance department that attracts and retains talent
- Prepare annual budget plan for each academic and administrative division with adequate budget allocation

- Implement cost-effective, value added business process
- Design and implement crisis management/ alternative plan
- Identify “Best worker/section of the month/quarter/year at SMUC” (17 workers and 17 Units)

Strategic Direction Six: Enhance link and partnership with local and international institutions

- Create links with industries for internship/ practical sessions (with ___ + 15 industries that hosted ___ students)
- Create/ maintain active link with law schools towards sustaining and enhancing submissions to Mizan Law Review and the distribution of the Journal
- Participate in Legal Education Reform Program of the country
- Establish link with HEIs (6 HEIs; 4 ADRUs)
- Create link with parents of regular 1st year students of poor academic performance to exchange information about students
- Create link with organization working on HIV and reproductive health (1)
- Publish New Year, Christmas & Easter Cards, and New Year calendar and agenda (13,500 copies)
- Participate in external meetings (conferences, panels, etc) on issues related to higher education
- Initiate gender networking with private and public HEIs, governmental & non-governmental organizations
- Initiate local network of HE Quality Assurance
- Create link with local and international NGO to support the scholarship program
- Create link to Professional Association that targets at improvements of the students professional carrier (9)
- Reactivate partnership with (joint work?) HEIs with which MoU was signed

Strategic Direction Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes

- Conduct self-assessment and evaluation at unit level (20 assessment)
- Conduct staff evaluation
- Conduct meeting with student representatives
- Review curriculum/ course/ course outline/ module (___ Curricula, ___TVET courses; 3 Degree courses; ___ course outlines; DE modules of 20 courses)
- Conduct assessment of student satisfaction (3)
- Formulate short (**Medium?**) and long-term plans (2 Medium-term plans, IT Continuity Plan, Change management plan for the IT system, IT Risk Assessment and Management Plan)
- Assess the **annual** performance (20 Assessment)
- Prepare annual plan of the institute for the year 2004
- Follow up, monitor and evaluate departments and offices annual performance (4 monitoring visits, 2 evaluations)
- Compile performance report of faculty members (2 student evaluations, 1 comprehensive evaluation)
- Assess the current situation of academic units with respect to the minimum requirement of HERQA

Design a mechanism to integrate the quality assurance practices of DED with that of CEIQA

Strategic Direction – 1

- Setup & configure network infrastructures
- Setup database and systems automation (___ database structure will be setup, required data sets will be organized and systems start functioning)
- Establish new DE coordination centers and agent offices in the regions (___ coordination centre (CCs) and ___ agent offices (AOs) in different regions)

Strategic Direction – 2

- Organize short-term trainings for staff (___ employees will receive a short-term training on different thematic areas)
- Providing scholarship of HE for permanent staff members (___ staff will receive assistance for HE at diploma, 1st & 2nd degree levels)
- Recruit additional employees (___ employees will be recruited on a short and long-term contract basis)

Strategic Direction – 3

- Publish and distribute journal, newsletter, bulletin, cards, calendar and agenda (26 issues will be published and 32,500 copies distributed)
- Post research outputs, newsletters, course materials, grade reports, library catalogue and courses on SMUC intranet and website (___ documents)
- Conduct workshops, review meetings, seminars, public lectures and panel discussions (___ sessions of such events will be conducted)
- Acquire new books, modules, teaching and reference materials (___ different types of new teaching & reference materials will be acquired)
- Launch new programs (preparatory works will be completed to launch ___ new programs in degree (___) and TVET (___))
- Conduct practicum and apprenticeship/ internship (2,670 students of TVET, Teacher Education & degree programs will join practice program hosted by 540 organizations)

Strategic Direction – 4

- Provide training, consultancy and other outreach services to the community, public and private organizations (___ rounds of training and consultancy services will be provided where ___ individuals and ___ organizations are expected to benefit from)

Strategic Direction – 5

- Develop (prepare or review) administrative policy, rule, regulation, guideline, job description documents (___ new & improved documents produced)

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Strategic Direction – 6

- Create collaborative links with relevant partners (a joint-work link will be created and memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed with ___ institutes

Strategic Direction – 7

- Monitor & evaluate accomplishment of plan of action (8 quarterly on-site visits, 36 semi-annual and 18 annual reports will be produced at institution major units levels)
- Conduct quality assurance assessments/ studies/ surveys (30 studies will be conducted)

ASSUMPTIONS AND RISKS

Since planning is the formulation of a situation desired to bring about in the future, the realization thereof would obviously be dependent on conditions happening in times to come and beyond the full control of the planner. To minimize the risk of failure however, a genuine prediction of future conditions, both internal and external to the institution, is considered as much as possible during planning. Below are the major assumptions considered while foreseeing the likely threats for successful implementation the plan of action by the various units.

- The external factors, especially the environments of government policy and market, which are influential and beyond the control of the institution, would remain stable during the planning period.
- Support/ approval of top-management of SMUC would be gained where extra resource is required for execution of planned activity like acquisition of goods, services & employment of human power
- SMUC website and intranet services would be readily available to post publications, teaching materials and career promotion information as per plans of various units
- There would be a timely cooperation among the various units of the institution in communication and exchange of information that expected to be input for the execution of planned activities

- Services, goods and skilled human power required for the realization of the plan of action would be available sufficiently and timely at the local market
- There would be sufficient organizations willing to host practicum and apprenticeship/ internship for students of TVET and degree programs.

Given those assumptions and the likelihood of occurrence of other unforeseen internal and external conditions in the plan period, the level of risk to realize the plan at large could be a variable of features of the activities incorporated therein. However, those features of activities which intensify the risk are thought to be the degree of complexity, dependence on the involvement of various units or top-management body, and the availability & affordability of input resource requirement.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Sound planning is essential for successful achievement of the desired situation or objectives. Equally important, however, is meticulous execution of the plan. The latter is ensured through the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of plan.

The monitoring exercise is principally required for timely treatment (identification of, informing about & acting on) of problems arising along the way of plan implementation. Hence, it becomes a continuous exercise (right from the beginning) through out the implementation period. The essence of evaluation, on the other hand, rests on depicting the effectiveness and efficiency of the plan implementation vis-à-vis the achievement of the preset objectives and providing lessons for future planning and implementation exercises.

Hence, the following approach is adopted for the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of this annual plan.

Monitoring

Monitoring of the plan implementation is a continuous exercise that involves a close follow up of the execution of each and every planned activity. It is done at all levels of institutional operation – from top-management down to the lowest level of division in each major unit. Thus, regardless of the frequency and the tools, the monitoring task would be the concern of all units in the UC.

Generally, the following are suggested as a guideline for monitoring exercise at the various levels of operation.

1. At individual level, the person who is identified to be responsible for the execution of planned activities in the respective units is expected of:
 - Preparing an operational plan whereby the major activities are broken down in to sub-activities and scheduled for execution on the basis of a monthly calendar;
 - Monitoring the status of execution of those activities on a weekly basis.
2. At sub-unit (Department/ Office/ Desk...) level, it is expected that:
 - The operational plans developed at individual level are compiled to form the action plan of the sub-unit;
 - The execution of the operational plans of the individuals or the action plan of the sub-unit at large is monitored fortnightly (every two weeks).
3. At major unit (Faculty/ Center/ Office/ Top-management) level
 - The cascading of annual plan of the unit down to the lower levels of operation or preparation of action plans at sub-unit level and operational plans at individual level are ensured;
 - The execution of the annual plan of the major unit (action plans of the sub-units) monitored (discussed and recorded) on a monthly basis. The monitoring tools are annexed.
4. At institution level CEIQA and op-management are thought to be the principal actors. CEIQA is expected of:
 - Carrying out a visit to major units on a quarter-year basis for monitoring and consultation on the progress of annual plan execution;
 - Produce quarterly report on the status of annual plan execution based on the monitoring visits made to major units;
 - Communicate the result of the quarterly monitoring exercise to all major units, including the top-management, as a feedback & a means for experience/ information sharing among the units.

5. Top-management, in the mean time, is expected:
 - To monitor the execution of the action plan of the institution (all major units) quarterly through reports produced by CEIQA;
 - To respond to the findings of the quarterly monitoring report on the status of plan execution (performances and challenges of major units).

Evaluation

Unlike monitoring, evaluation is exercised with time interval on a regular basis. The evaluation of annual plan implementation is done on a semi-annual basis. Hence, there will be two events of such exercise, referring to a mid-year and an annual evaluation of plan implementation. This is expected to be carried out at major unit and institution levels. Hence, the following are done as evaluation exercises at the two levels.

6. At major unit level, it is expected to:
 - Assess, measure and value the status of performance in plan implementation during the first-half, second-half and entire period of the year with reference to targets for each activity, strategic direction and the unit at large;
 - Assess and evaluate the annual achievement of specific objectives developed by the major unit under each strategic direction and strategic objective of the UC (effectiveness of the plan implemented);
 - Produce descriptive reports on the evaluation of plan implementation during the first-half, second-half and the entire period of the year (template for the report is annexed);
 - Produce, if necessary, a revised plan of action for the second-half or remaining period of the year.
7. At institution level, CEIQA is expected to:
 - Assess, measure and value the institutional performance for the first-half, second-half and entire period of plan implementation with reference to targets for each activity, strategic direction, major unit and the UC at large;

- Assess and evaluate the annual achievement of strategic objectives developed under each strategic direction of the UC (effectiveness of the plan implemented);
- Organize mid-year and annual joint review meetings, for top-management and all major units, on CEIQA's evaluation of annual plan implementation of the UC at major unit and institution levels;
- Produce descriptive reports on mid-year and annual evaluation of institutional plan implementation with reference to performances during the first-half, second-half and the entire period of the year.

ANNUAL PLAN BY MAJOR UNIT

1. Faculty of Business

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: To enhance the ICT and physical infrastructures of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Support the teaching learning process with modern technological facilities and ensure the provision of quality education | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enhance the manpower capacity of the UC in general and the Faculty in particular | | | | | |
| Equip department offices and quarters with ICT facilities such as computers. | | __ PCs made available in the department offices & quarters. | Report & observation | Oct | Sept |
| Post course materials and other supporting materials for students on the institutions website | | Uploaded course materials on the institution's website | Report | Nov. | Aug. |
| Upgrade/ purchase new staff computers for effective teaching learning process | Marketing Dept Head | Computers upgraded/ purchased | Report | Nov. | Aug. |
| Upgrade memory / replace existing Staff and department head computers | Mgmt Dept Head | Computers upgraded/purchased | Report & observation | Oct. | Nov. |
| Create access to internet services for Staff and department head computers | Mgmt & SSOM Dept Heads | __ access points made available | Report & observation | Oct. | Nov. |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Capacitate through short- and long-term trainings, institutionalize CPD for academic & support staff and the leadership | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enhance the manpower capacity and competence of the Faculty through the provision of continuous T and D program | | | | | |
| Train staff on Pedagogies | | __ staff trained | Report | Oct. | Nov. |
| Train staff on Basic Research and SPSS, Accounting Application software (QuickBooks, Peachtree), and MS Excel & Access applications. | SSOM, Acct & Mgmt, Mkt Dept Heads | __ staff trained | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Train staff on Strategic Marketing Management, Logistics, Import export, and digital marketing | Mkt Dept Head | __ staff trained | Report | Nov. | Aug. |
| Establish Trainers Core Team responsible to identify needs and organize trainings | | The team formed, training needs identified and trainings offered | Reports | Oct. | Jan. |
| Conduct manpower planning | | Plan document produced | Report | Oct. | ? |
| Recruit competent staff | | 4 new staff hired | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Arrange experience sharing session for senior research advisors | | __ persons participated in __ experience sharing events | Report | Sept. | Oct. |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improving the quality of teaching-learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode | | | | | |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Objective: Publish journals, textbooks, higher education series, workbooks that would enhance the efforts in teaching, research and publication Maximize student-focused learning experience to achieve personal & academic goals thru advising, counseling & career services | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Improve quality of education, ensure the smooth process of teaching-learning, students' competence & involvement of staff in research | | | | | |
| Revise the teaching material of Micro Economics | Dereje Kissi | Revised teaching material produced | Observation | Feb. | May |
| Prepare teaching materials on International Business, Change & Conflict Management, Business Research Methods, & Entrepreneurship | Wondafrash, Habte, Zelalem, Yimer | 4 materials produced | Report & observation of materials | Jan. | May |
| Enrich the contents of TVET courses in line with the newly revised curriculum. | | The program specification document produced | Observation of documents | Oct. | Oct. |
| Prepare course delivery, assessment guidelines for all TVET courses in the new curriculum. | | Assessment & delivery documents compiled | Observation of documents | Oct. | Oct. |
| Follow-up the implementation of the course delivery and assessment in TVET and Degree programs | | Follow-up schemes designed and implemented | Report | March | March |
| Organize panel discussions for students | Melaku, Dawit, Muez, Tewodros, Zelalem, Habte, Yihune & Helina | ___ Panel discussions conducted on Ethiopian Taxation Regulations, Directives and Proclamation with Special emphasis on VAT, TOT, and Employment Income Tax; Auditing Practices in Ethiopia, focusing on Challenges and prospects; Risk Management and Insurance Contemporary Issues and Practices in Management; Business Ethics; Human resource management; and The Role of a Secretary In an Office | Report | Oct. Nov. March | Oct. Jan. June |
| Arrange educational trips for second year TVET regular students for the course Introduction to Cost Accounting | | ___ Educational trips conducted for ___ students | Report | | |
| Organize Guest Speech/ lecture for the course introduction to Auditing. | | ___ Guest speech events took place | Report | | |
| Provide academic advisory service to deficient students | | ___ Students served | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Arrange stakeholders discussion on internship program | | ___ joint meetings of students & instructors held | Minutes | June | June |
| Post lecture notes, exercises, assignments & other relevant materials on the intranet | | Lecture notes, exercises of 50% of the courses in the year posted | Report | Sept. | Aug. |
| Develop short-term training materials | Yihune & Helina | 3 training materials developed on reception, office management & correspondence production. | Report & observation | Oct. | June |
| Implement the practical sessions for various courses offered in the academic year | | Practical activities carried out by ___ students in ___ courses | Report (written & audio-visual) | Nov. | Aug. |
| Undertake research activities with regard to quality | Bizuayehu, Nesibu, Yalew | ___ researches conducted presented on Multi- | Reports & | July | July |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| of education – a comparative study | | disciplinary Research Seminar | observation | | |
| Offer tutorial sessions for basic and major courses: | | ___ sessions offered to ___ students on Principles of Accounting I, Principles of Accounting II, Financial Accounting I & Financial Accounting II | Report | ? | ? |
| Prepare teaching materials and teaching aids. | SSOM Dept Head | ___ teaching materials and teaching aids prepared for _____ | Report & observation | Jan. | June |
| Organize field visit on major courses like Production and Operation Management | | ___ visits conducted for ___ individuals | Report | Nov. | May |
| Conducting Film Show. | | Film shows made | Report | April | June |
| Select best secretary student of the year (for what?) | Tigist & Meseret | Student selected (?) | Report | June | June |
| Publish research work in the third issue of JBAS. | | 1 article published | Report | Aug | Aug. |
| Update the senior research advising and evaluation guidelines | | The updated version of the guideline produced | Report & observation | Aug | Aug |
| Conduct departmental staff evaluation | Assistant Head (Acct Dept) | 2 Evaluations conducted & reported at the end of Semester I and Semester I | Report | March | March |
| Conduct meeting with student representatives | Asst Dean BF | 4 Meetings conducted 2 in a semester | Minutes | Nov. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extending the UC's services and outreach activities and augmenting its role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Provide quality professional consultancy and short-term trainings to private and public enterprise | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Offer one-day-long training for small and micro business enterprises in the Lideta sub city | Ayele & Kasaye | ___ persons, preferably females, from _ SMEs trained on the Basics of Accounting; Marketing; and Customer Service | Report | Feb. | Feb. |
| Offer short-term training for private and public enterprises | | ___ persons from ___ enterprises trained on ___ | Report | Jan. | Aug. |
| Offer training to Lideta sub-city community | Yimer, Zelalem, Meselu | ___ persons from ___ organizations trained on Entrepreneurship; Business Management; Time Management; and Business Plan | Report | Sept. | June |
| Putting the money collected through Salesmanship in Action for the prior intended community work | | Utilization of the money for the intended purpose. | Report | May | May |
| Strategic Priority Five: Improving the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the admin processes and services | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: | | | | | |
| Specific objective: Building good governance among students, enhancing service delivery among neighborhood businesses | | | | | |
| Organize peer teaching and tutoring programs for courses that students find difficult | | ___ students attended ___ tutorial and peer-teaching sessions for ___ courses | Report | Oct. | Aug. |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Enhancing the relationship and team spirit of the academic staff (how? By doing what?) | | Better working staff environment created | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Serve in social support committee of SMUC | | Attended ___ meetings per month, took part in ___ social service events/ activities | Report, minutes | Jan. | Jan. |
| Strategic Priority Six: Enhancing link and partnership with local and international institutions | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Create and enhance link with HEIs, faculties and departments at national and international levels targeting under- and post-graduate programs, research and outreach activities | | | | | |
| Specific objective: Enhance the network of the Faculty with public institutions and exchange experiences on new methods/technologies introduced | | | | | |
| Create links with business organizations/ industries for the implementation of the practical sessions | Dept Head (Mkt) | Links established with ___ industries that hosted practical sessions for ___ students | Report and MOU's signed | Oct. | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Sustain and increase SMUC's commitment to self-study and external audit | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Review TVET curriculum implementation based on institutional need & in line with units of competence | | Curriculum guideline & course delivery and assessment guideline made available | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Review the curriculum of Degree Program | | Curriculum revised for ___ Degree programs | Report & observation | Oct. | Dec. |
| Conduct self-assessment at Faculty level | | Quality assessment conducted and reported | Assessment report | March | Sept. |

2. Faculty of Law

| Activity | Responsible Body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|---------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhancing the ICT and physical infrastructure of the UC Strategic Objective: Create a conducive teaching-learning environment by improving quality of campus life and physical facilities for learning Specific Objective: Enhance hard copy and online reading resources to students and staff | | | | | |
| Post course materials on the intranet | Shume | 10 course materials posted | Observation | Dec | June |
| Acquire books to the Library | | 12 types of relevant books acquired | Report | Oct | July |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC (recruiting and retaining staff of the highest excellence and continuously developing their capacity) Strategic Objective: Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity Enhance the capacity of the UC by providing short- and long-term trainings, institutionalized CPD for academic, support and leadership staff Specific Objective: Academic staff recruitment and staff development during the academic year | | | | | |
| Follow up the academic promotion of staff members | Dessalegn | 1 persons promoted to higher academic rank | Report | Oct | Feb |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improving the quality of teaching -learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode Strategic Objective: Maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve personal academic goals through academic and professional advising, counseling and career services Encourage student involvement in the decision-making process at SMUC Specific Objective: Enhance the performance and quality of the teaching-learning and research activities of the Faculty | | | | | |
| Provide academic counseling and student support services | | 5 Class advisors assigned & __ students served | Records | Oct | Aug |
| Maintain data about staff absenteeism, prompt grade submission and records of grade change | Dessalegn | Data on staff absenteeism, delayed grade submission & grade change documented | Report & Records | Oct | June |
| Court observations by 2000 E.C entry regular students and appellate moot court rounds | Elias N. | __ sessions of court observation conducted | Report & observation | Nov | Nov |
| Offer guest lectures | Binyam & Shume | 2 guest lectures offered | Report | Dec | June |
| Senior thesis advising | Dessalegn Muluken | All students who registered for the elective course received advisory service | Report | Oct | July |
| Publish Mizan Law Review | Elias, Elise, Fasil | 2 issues of the Review published | Observation | Feb | Aug |
| Prepare students for Student Research Forum | Dessalegn & Muluken | 2 students selected and their preparation checked till presentation | Report | March | June |
| Offer legal aid service by regular 4 th year students at moot court | Maru | Service offered 3 days a week for 8 months | Records | Nov | July |
| Establish Center for Law in Sustainable Development (CLiSD) | | Proposal prepared & submitted to the Senate; the center established | Minutes, Documents | Oct. | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Five: To improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the administrative processes and services | | | | | |

| Activity | Responsible Body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Objective: To design and improve such institutional schemes in performance management. | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enable instructors to have easier access to spot readings and references | | | | | |
| Updated data on staff and students profile/ statistics | Dessalegn | 2 data documents (1 per semester) produced | Report & observation | Dec | April |
| Strategic Priority Six: To enhance link and partnerships with local and international institutions | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Sustain and strengthen link with other law schools | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Participate in the formation of the Consortium of Ethiopian Law Schools which can develop to the Association of Ethiopian Law Schools | | | | | |
| Create/ maintain active link with law schools towards sustaining and enhancing submissions to Mizan Law Review and the distribution of the Journal and other publications | Elias | Links created/ maintained with ___ law schools | Report & Minutes | Nov | August |
| Participate in Legal Education Reform Program | Elias | Membership in project coordination tasks | Report & Minutes | Nov | July |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Ensure an efficient and effective procedures, processes and systems that improve the quality of teaching, research and outreach activities | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enhance quality assessment in the Faculty of Law with particular focus on quality assurance and quality improvement | | | | | |
| Conduct Faculty and Student joint quality assessment meetings with representatives of all classes | Dessalegn | 2 meetings held with student representatives of all classes – 1 per semester | Report & Minutes | Nov | July |
| Monitor (through sustained Academic Commission meetings and follow up) that the check list of student and staff concerns that are documented during meetings with student representatives and during Faculty Council meetings is addressed at faculty and institutional levels | Dessalegn | 12 meetings held and outputs documented | Report & Minutes | Nov | July |
| Conduct assessment of student satisfaction | | Assessment conducted and report produced | Report | March | June |

3. Faculty of Informatics

| Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible person | Indicator | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|--------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| <p>Strategic Theme/Priority Addressed: Enhance the ICT and physical Infrastructure of the University College</p> <p>Strategic objective: - Automate the various sections of the UC to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided - Develop ICT enterprise architecture for SMUC, avail well-equipped & sufficient ICT resource centers and sustain the same for conventional & distance education divisions</p> <p>Specific objective: To improve the ICT services</p> | | | | | |
| Provide user names and passwords under the UC domain to all Computer Science Degree Students | Abebe | Computer in all offices joined the domain | Site visit | Nov. | Jan. |
| Overhaul the Network of Lab 2 and Lab 4 | Abebe | Network structure setup for all lab rooms | Site visit | Nov. | Jan. |
| Every PC in labs 2 and 4 will have two operating systems (windows and Linux) with all the required application software | Abebe | Federate network made in place for all lab rooms | report | Jan. | April |
| Replacement of the computers in the network lab | Abebe | 20 computers bought | Site visit | Jan | April |
| Furnish staff members with standard and state-of-art laptops | Daniel | All staff members got laptop computers | Report | Nov. | April |
| Offer the staff on Teaching, Training. Learning Material TTLM development | Mesfin F. | | | | |
| Develop TTLM in accordance with the respective Occupational Standards | Aklilu | TTLM developed | TTLM document | Jan. | July |
| <p>Strategic Theme/Priority Addressed: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC (recruiting & retaining staff members of highest excellence and continuously develop their capacity)</p> <p>Strategic objective: - Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity - Enhance the capacity of the UC by providing short- and long-term trainings, institutionalized CPD for academic & support staff and the leadership</p> <p>Specific objective:</p> | | | | | |
| Recruit lab technicians with diploma in IT | Faculty Dean | 2 professionals with diploma employed | report | Oct. | Nov. |
| Recruit staff members with PhD, MSc and BSc degree in computer science and related field | Faculty Dean | 4 professionals with 1 PhD, 2 Msc and 1 BSc employed | report | March | March |
| Train staff on of FOSS | Asrat | 20 staff members are trained | Report | June | Sept. |
| <p>Strategic Theme/Priority Addressed: To improve the quality of teaching-learning & effectiveness of research, both in the conventional & distance mode</p> <p>Strategic objective: - Maximize student learning experience, promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve academic goals through advising, counseling and career services - Publish journals, textbooks, higher education/ digest series, workbooks that enhance the institution's efforts in teaching, research and publication - Initiate, develop and enhance demand driven curricula both at undergraduate and graduate levels, and make period revisions of existing curricula</p> <p>Specific objective:</p> | | | | | |
| Develop the faculty quality and assessment committee guideline | Alemsegid | Guideline developed | Guideline documents | Oct. | Jan. |

| Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible person | Indicator | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Assess and assure examination quality | Mesfin | quality of exams Assessed and assured | Report | March | Sept. |
| Under take internal program quality audit/assessment (concerned with the degree program) | Dr.Sebsibe | Internal quality assessment done | Internal Quality Assessment report | Oct. | May |
| Developing publications, curriculum and research committee guideline | Asrat M. | Guideline developed | Guideline documents | Oct. | Nov. |
| Customizing Faculty senior project advising guideline | Aklilu T. | Guideline documents | Guideline documents | Dec. | Jan. |
| Conducting a research on “Factors Affecting Success Of Computer Science Degree Program Students At Private Higher Institutes ” | Dr Sebsibe H. | Research conducted | Research report | Feb. | May |
| Guidebook preparation in Artificial Intelligence | Dr. Sebsibe | Guide book for AI prepared. | AI guidebook | Oct. | Aug. |
| Conduct seminar on The promises of cluster computing to developing countries | Dr. Sebsibe | seminar conducted | report | Feb. | April |
| Design and produce a newsletter at the Faculty level | Solomon D. | Orientation is conducted | Report | Nov. | Jan. |
| Provide training to the UC community | Michael | 30 staff members trained on basic skills in the use of computers and application software, and advanced training on access and excel | Report | July | Sept. |
| Developing a new degree level curriculum in “Information Systems” | MesfinF. | Information Systems Curriculum developed | Curriculum document | Oct. | Jan. |
| Developing a new degree level curriculum in “Information technology” | Biniam A. | Information technology Curriculum developed | Curriculum document | Oct. | Jan. |
| Produce at two reference materials for the degree program | | 2 Reference material developed on advanced database systems for the degree program | Reference material document | Oct. | April |
| Strategic Theme/Priority Addressed: To extend the University Colleges service and outreach activities and augment SMUC’s role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Provide services to the nearby community in the realms of education, legal aid to the needy, training on ICT literacy, business education and others | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| analysis of Training needs the community | Dr. Sebsibe | Document of training needs | Report | Feb. | April |
| Provision of training to the community | Dr. Sebsibe | 30 trainees from the community trained | Report | June | Aug. |
| Provide orientation and offer a refresher course to former students of the Department on competency exams | Emebet Wondimu | 100 students get the training | report | Feb. | Aug. |

4. Faculty of Teacher Education

| Activity | Responsible Body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhancing the ICT and physical infrastructure of the UC Strategic Objective: Create a conducive teaching-learning environment by improving quality of campus life and physical facilities for learning Specific Objective: Enhance hard copy and online reading resources to students and staff | | | | | |
| Posting course handouts on the intranet | Mulugeta A. | Handouts posted for the course Introduction to Logic | Report & observation | Nov. | Jan. |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC (recruiting and retaining staff of the highest excellence and continuously developing their capacity) Strategic Objective: Enhance the capacity of the UC by providing short- and long-term trainings, institutionalized CPD for academic, support and leadership staff Specific Objective: Academic staff recruitment and staff development during the academic year | | | | | |
| Offer trainings on Pedagogical & Non-pedagogical areas (for the academic staff of the UC?) | Faculty Head | 4 rounds of training offered to __ persons | Report | Nov. | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improving the quality of teaching -learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode Strategic Objective: Maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve personal academic goals through academic and professional advising, counseling and career services Specific Objective: Enhance the performance and quality of the teaching-learning and research activities of the Faculty | | | | | |
| Acquire (purchase) teaching books | Selamawit & Tekalign | __ different books acquired for Language Department | Report & observation | Dec. | June |
| Acquire (purchase) teaching material | Mulugeta | __ topographic and other maps acquired for preparatory school | Report & observation | Nov. | Feb. |
| Prepare teaching material | Selamawit & Major | 2 materials prepared on Reading and Grammar for Language Department | Report & observation | Nov. | June |
| Publish 'The Teacher' bulletin | Faculty Head | 2 issues of the bulletin published and __ copies distributed | Report & observation | Feb. | Aug. |
| Organize seminar/ panel discussion | Tagel, Menbere, Eyasu, Nazareth, Anduamlak, Habtamu, Getachew & Tekalign | 6 sessions of seminar and panel discussions held on The Application of Mathematics in Business Fields; Developing Positive Attitude towards Mathematics; How to Learn Mathematics in TVET; How to Teach English in 1 st & 2 nd Cycles (2) Primary Education | Report | Oct. June | Dec. June |
| Carryout action research on The Status-quo of Language Proficiency among Degree Students at SMUC | Selamawit, Tekalign & Getachew | Research conducted and report produced | Report | Dec. | Aug. |
| Carryout action research on The Relevance of Mathematics for Business Faculty Students | Anduamlak, Tagel & | Research conducted and report produced | Report | Jan. | June |

| Activity | Responsible Body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|--|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| | Tesfazghi | | | | |
| Carryout action research on An Overview of the Current Discourse on the Privatization of Fresh Water in Ethiopia | Yetnatet | Research conducted and report produced | Report | Jan. | April |
| Carryout action research on Corrupt Behaviors of Instructors at Higher Education Level: The Case of Selected Private HEIs | Solomon | Research conducted and report produced | Report | Jan. | June |
| Offer tutorial sessions to students | | __ tutorial sessions offered to __ students on mathematics, social science, language teaching methods & skills. | Report | Nov. | Aug. |
| Offer refreshment program for fresh TVET and Degree CoSC students | | __ sessions of refreshment on Mathematics offered to all new entrants of TVET & CoSC Degree programs | Report | Oct. | Oct. |
| Activate the Civic & Ethical club of the UC | Solomon & Mulugeta | The Civic and Ethical Club reinitiated and became operational | Report | Nov. | Jan. |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extending the UC's services and outreach activities and augmenting its role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: To design and improve such institutional schemes in performance management. | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Initiate tutorial programs in natural & social science areas in preparatory high school | Faculty Head | Proposal prepared, submitted for top-management, approved and implemented | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Initiate Translation & Editorial Service at institutional level | Faculty Head | Proposal prepared, submitted for top-management, approved and implemented | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Strengthening short-term training & consultancy unit | Faculty Head | Xxxxxx? | Xxxxxx? | Oct. | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Ensure an efficient and effective procedures, processes and systems that improve the quality of teaching, research and outreach activities | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enhance quality assessment in the Faculty of Law with particular focus on quality assurance and quality improvement | | | | | |
| Conduct assessment of courses offered in TVET and Degree programs | Selamawit, Tekalign, Getachew, Teshager & Abas | The quality of 3 (Sophomore English, Civic and Ethical Education) courses assessed and report produced | Report & observation | Nov. | Aug. |
| Review the course outlines of Language Department | Getachew & Selamawit | __ course outlines reviewed & report produced | Report | Dec. | March |

5. School of Graduate Studies

| Activity | Responsibility | Indicator/Target | Means of Verification | Time frame | |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------|------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhance the HR capacity of the UC (recruiting and retaining staff of the highest excellence and continuously developing their capacity) | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Acquire the necessary academic staff to launch the programs. | Dean, SGS with other Deans | ___ persons hired (full- and part-time) | Contract Agreement | Dec. | Jan. |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improving the quality of teaching -learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Acquire accreditation for the curriculum developed and submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval. | EVP | ___ curricula accredited for ___ programs | Report & letter of approval | Oct. | Oct. |
| Initiate the implementation of proposal for the School of Graduate Studies programs approved by top management | Dean | The organizational structure & management methods adopted and made functional | Report, minutes & observation | Nov. | Nov. |
| Publish a “Graduate Catalog” for the newly developed Masters Program in the Faculties of Law & Business, and The Institute of Agriculture and Development. | Dean, SGS and Deans, with assigned staff | The catalogue prepared and published | Report, minutes & observation | Dec. | Jan. |
| Initiate Distance Mode Master’s Program in partnerships with Haramya University in selected programs. | Dean, SGS & Dean of program | Distance Mode Master’s Program launched in _____ program | Report, MoC & observation | Jan. | Jan. |
| Beginning Distance Mode Master’s Program in MBA in collaboration with Haramaya University | Dean, SGS with Haramaya Dean | Courses being offered in both campuses | Report & observation | Feb. | Feb. |
| Develop “course modules” for students, as most courses are offered on block basis. | Dean, SGS | ___ modules prepared for ___ programs | Report & observation | Jan. | Feb. |
| Acquire reference books and journals and other periodicals relevant to the new programs | Deans, SGS with other Deans | ___ materials identified, requested and acquired | Report & observation | March | April |
| Follow-up the smooth running of IGNOU Masters Program | Dean SGS, IGNOU coordinator | Courses offered according to schedule | Report & observation | Oct. | June |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Ensure an efficient and effective procedures, processes and systems that improve the quality of teaching, research and outreach activities | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Formulate short and (Medium) long-term plans for the School of Graduate Studies | Dean, SGS with all Deans | Medium-term (five-year) plan prepared | Report & observation | Feb. | March |

6. Community/ Outreach Services

| Activity | Responsible | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Start | | End | |
|--|--------------|---|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | | | Start | End | Start | End |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and Physical infrastructure of the University College | | | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Automate the various sections of the UC in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided. | | | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | | | |
| Develop and post electronic content promoting (publicizing) outreach/ community services of the UC | Hailemeleket | Content promoting community/ outreach services developed and posted on SMUC's Web site | Report & observation | Feb. | March | | |
| Develop a database providing information on the demand side of consultancy services in Ethiopia | Yonnas | 1 database constructed in MS-Access environment | Report & observation | Dec. | March | | |
| Strategic priority two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity | | | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | | | |
| Recruiting core staff for the initiation and delivery of consultancy services proactively | Hailemeleket | 1 Research Assistant recruited | Report & observation | Oct. | Oct. | | |
| Strategic priority three: improving the quality of teaching-learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode | | | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve personal academic goals through academic and professional advising, counseling and career services. | | | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | | | |
| Conduct research on entrepreneurship mentality and intention | Hailemeleket | Research conducted and document produced | Report | June | Aug. | | |
| Strategic priority Four: Extending the UC's services and outreach activities and augmenting its role as a local development partner. | | | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Provide quality professional consultancy and short-term trainings to private and public enterprises. | | | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | | | |
| Getting the migration and development survey of Maastricht's University administered in Ethiopia | Hailemeleket | Survey administered in selected sites of the country | Report | Nov. | Jan. | | |
| Bid for consultancy services | Hailemeleket | 12 technical and financial proposals produced and 6 projects won and conducted. | Report | Oct. | Sept. | | |
| Strategic priority Five: Improving the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the admin process and services | | | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Reduce sole dependence on tuition by developing alternative revenue sources, and design and improve such institutional schemes as customers handling, staff remuneration and performance management. | | | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | | | |
| Offer professional consultancy services. | Hailemeleket | 1 Million Birr worth projects won and delivered | Report | Oct. | Sept. | | |
| Develop operational manual for the delivery of consultancy services | Hailemeleket | 1 Operation manual with remuneration scheme for professionals (internal & external) involving in the delivery of the service developed. | Report & observation | Dec. | Jan. | | |

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| Strategic priority Six: Enhancing link and partnership with local and international institutions | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Create and enhance link with higher education institutions, faculties and departments both at national and international level that target at conducting undergraduate and post-graduate programs, research and outreach activities. | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Establish link with Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (MGSG) | Hailemelekot | Link focusing on research and outreach activities established with MGSG | MOU | Nov. | Dec. |
| Strategic priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Nurture the culture of academic and administrative quality assessment at all levels with regard to endeavors, achievements, and problems pertaining to SMUC's teaching, research and service functions and the administrative setting thereof | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Take part in quality assessment unit activities. | Hailemelekot | Participation (as member) in the quality assessment unit established at division level | Minute | Oct. | Sept. |

7. IGNOU Post Graduate Programs Coordination Office

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: ICT and Infrastructure | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Automate the various sections of the UC in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided. | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Ensure the availability of online student services in the areas of admission, pre-and post-entry induction, tutorial, and access to other electronic information | | | | | |
| Develop a website/column on SMUC website for IGNOU Post Graduate programs | Head, IGNOU PG Programs | Full functioning website will have been available before March 31, 2011 | Report & observation | Jan. | March |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching-learning & research | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Improve the quality of tutorial and academic counseling services | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To introduce academic counseling supplemented by resourceful persons/expertise Create access to electronic reference materials | | | | | |
| Offer guest lecture by local resourceful persons in five India centric courses | Head, IGNOU PG Programs | 6 sessions of guest lecture delivered by resourceful persons on "Ethiopian Economic Policy", "Rural Development in Ethiopian Context", "Ethiopia's Foreign Trade", "Sociology in Ethiopia", "Social Work in Ethiopian Context" and "Economic and Social Environment in Ethiopia". | Report | Feb. | Sept. |
| Acquire electronic reference materials from IGNOU website | Head, IGNOU PG Programs | Audio and video CDs of 5 courses in each department downloaded | Report & observation | May | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Nurture the culture of academic & administrative quality assessment at all levels with regard to endeavors, achievements, and problems pertaining to SMUC's teaching, research and service functions and the administrative setting thereof | | | | | |
| Specific objective: Improve the quality of service delivery | | | | | |
| Conduct a student satisfaction survey study on | Head, IGNOU PG Programs | Satisfaction survey conducted and report produced/ published | Report & observation | Aug. | Sept. |

8. ICT Development and Support Unit

| Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period Start Finish |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and physical Infrastructure of the University College | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Automate the various sections of the UC to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided Avail well-equipped & sufficient ICT resource centers and sustain the same for conventional & distance education divisions | | | | |
| Specific objective: To improve the ICT services | | | | |
| Existing Mail System Overhaul | Mitiku and Wossen | 99.99 % availability and improved speed of the mail system with lesser mails bouncing back incidents | Report | Oct. Oct. |
| Develop IT security policy | Mitiku | Document detailing IT security policy of SMUC produced and distributed | Report & Observation | Nov. Dec. |
| Implement Secure VLAN | Mitiku & Wossen | At least three VLANs implemented | Report | Jan. Feb. |
| Implement ISA server | Mitiku, Wossen & Ermias | ISA server implemented at Mexico campus | Report & Observation | Dec. Dec. |
| Prepare SMUC's network blue print | Seifu and Mitiku | Physical and logical design of SMUC's network structure documented and analyzed | Report & Observation | June July |
| Prepare Information Architecture of SMUC | Adhanom | Priorities for IS development set in the IA document | Report & Observation | Dec. Dec. |
| Create IT asset configuration DB | Seifu | All IT asset configuration data is stored in the DB | Report | Aug. Aug. |
| Implement a MS Share point portal service for collaboration platform | Mitiku, Seifu, Ermias & Wossen | MS Sharepoint implemented and staff collaboration automated | Report | Oct. Nov. |
| Implement a centrally administered domain based network at Bole campus | Wossen and Ermias | Functional and domain based network implemented at Bole campus | Report & Observation | Dec. Dec. |
| Manage centrally the various IS systems | Wossen and Ermias | All information systems are managed centrally by the ICT SD Unit | Report & Observation | Nov. Nov. |
| Create thin clients for all departments | Wossen, Ermias & G/Meskel | Reduce maintenance activity and data loss by centralizing file storage and freezing clients | Report & Observation | Dec. Feb. |
| Ensure that all computers have antivirus protection and are updated continuously | Wossen, Ermias & Mitiku | All computers are well protected from viruses with up-to-date virus database | Report | Nov. Dec. |
| Prepare FTP site for software gallery and antivirus update | Wossen and Ermias | Staff can easily obtain software and antivirus updates | Report & Observation | May May |
| Select and Implement Network diagnostic and performance measurement tools | Mitiku and Seifu | Automated tracing of network problems and network performance measurement and reporting | Report & Observation | June June |
| Develop/select and implement software for test bank/item analysis of the testing center of the UC | Adhanom | Test bank and item analysis automated | Report & Observation | May July |

| Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Develop/select and implement software for student class and exam scheduling | Adhanom | Student class and exam scheduling automated | Report & Observation | June | Aug. |
| Develop and implement ERP software that integrates finance, inventory and human resource functions | Adhanom | Finance, inventory and human resource functions are automated | Report & Observation | Nov. | Jan. |
| Assess the existing information systems & prioritize for developing applications and write documents | Adhanom | Inventory of current information systems produced and priorities for IS development set | Report & Observation | Oct. | Oct. |
| Service desk automation | Seifu and Zerefa | Tracing maintenance costs, asset management, and detailed report of service desk activity | Report & Observation | Oct. | Oct. |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Enhance the capacity of the UC by providing short- and long-term trainings, institutionalized CPD for academic, support and leadership staff | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To improve the ICT services | | | | | |
| Train users on minor/common troubleshooting issues | Yabsira, Fetiya, Ermias | Create one power user at each unit of the U.C. | Report | Feb. | March |
| Train staff on heavy-duty printer maintenance | Seifu, G/Meskel | All maintenance staff trained and can maintain heavy-duty printers | Report | Nov. | Nov. |
| Train staff on power supply maintenance | Seifu, G/Meskel | All maintenance staff trained and can maintain power supply units | Report | Dec. | Dec. |
| Train staff on monitor maintenance | Seifu, G/Meskel | All maintenance staff trained & can maintain monitors | Report | May | May |
| Train staff on laptop maintenance | Seifu, G/Meskel | All maintenance staff trained & can maintain laptops | Report | Sept. | Sept. |
| Train staff on CCNA | Mitiku | Staff are given CCNA training | Report | Nov. | Dec. |
| Train staff on Microsoft Network Administration | Mitiku | Staff are given MCSE modules training | Report | Feb. | March |
| Train staff on software development tools and techniques | Adhanom | Staff at the faculty of Informatics trained on software development tools and techniques | Report | Feb. | April |
| Create awareness on newly implemented systems (Outlook, Sharepoint and ftp and others) | Mitiku, Seifu, Ermias and Wessen | All staff can use MS Outlook for communication and use Sharepoint for collaboration | Report | Dec. | Dec. |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improve the quality of teaching-learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To improve the ICT services | | | | | |
| Carry out preventive maintenance of computers and servers | | All computer labs and office computers are ready for use at the beginning of every semester | Report | | |
| Visit distance learning centers to conduct inventory and carry out preventive maintenance | | All PCs at 14 CCs (DebreMarkos, Bahir Dar, Gondar, Debre Tabor, Mekele, Dessie, Debre Birhan, Wolkite, Jima, Metu, Dire Dawa, Harar, Arbaminch, Hawasa) received maintenance | Report | July | Sept. |
| Prepare and Implement computer and power safety procedures | Hanan | All staff are given guidance on how to save power and ensure safety of IT assets | Report | Dec. | Dec. |

| Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period Start Finish | |
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| Check appropriateness of power voltage at all campuses | Seifu | The appropriateness of power voltage at all campuses is checked | Report | Jan. | Jan. |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extending the UC's services and outreach activities and augmenting its role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Provide quality professional consultancy and short-term trainings to private and public enterprises | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Prepare document detailing how to handle consultancy service | Seifu, Mitiku, G/Meskel | Guideline/ manual for consultancy service provision produced | Report & Observation | Oct. | Nov. |
| Strategic Priority Five: To improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the administrative processes and services | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Manage IT investment (monetize all costs and benefits) | Seifu | Costs and benefits of all IT systems and infrastructure is documented | Report & Observation | April | April |
| Document third party service relations | Seifu & G/Meskel | All third party relations are documented and fulfillment of SLAs followed up | Report & Observation | Aug. | Sept. |
| IT asset capacity planning | Seifu & G/Meskel | All IT asset acquisitions and maintenance are planned in advance | Report & Observation | Sept. | Oct. |
| Conduct Inventory of IT assets and put in place inventory update procedures | G/Meskel | All IT assets are accounted for | Report | Oct. | Nov. |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Ensure an efficient and effective procedures, processes and systems that improve the quality of teaching, research and outreach activities | | | | | |
| Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Prepare Strategic IT Plan | Seifu | Strategic IT Plan of the college prepared based on the strategic plan of the U.C | Report & Observation | Jan. | Feb. |
| Prepare IT Continuity Plan | Mitiku and Seifu | Detailed plan for options of service continuity in cases of disaster produced and rehearsed | Report & Observation | Feb. | March |
| Prepare Change management document | Seifu and Mitiku | Document detailing how to trace and manage changes in the IT system produced | Report & Observation | July | July |
| Prepare IT Risk Assessment and Management Plan | Seifu and Mitiku | All IT Risks are assessed and alternatives to manage them proposed | Report & Observation | March | April |

9. Office of the Registrar

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of Verification | Execution Period | |
|--|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: To enhance the ICT and physical infrastructures of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To automate the various sections of the University College in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To enhance the services rendered to our customers and to use software scheduler for class and examination programmes | | | | | |
| Transfer data of students of previous years (1995 E.C & 1996 E.C) from MS-Excel to the new system | Ibrahim | Data of students made available in the new system | Report & observation | Dec. | May |
| Modify the registrar system based on the new Accounting TVET Curriculum | Samson | The system upgraded to accommodate the new TVET policy | Report & observation | Jan. | March |
| Include photos of students into the database | Ibrahim | Photos of 2003 Entry students made available in the Database | Report & observation | Oct. | Dec. |
| Develop new scheduling software for preparing class programmes and linking it with the Registrar system | Habtamu, Alemu & Seifu Tatek | Degree and TVET regular as well as extension schedules prepared and posted online | Report | Jan. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To enhance capacity by providing short and long term training for the academic, supportive and leadership staff | | | | | |
| Specific objective: Develop the capacity of staff to increase efficiency of the staff and reduce data loss or distortion risks | | | | | |
| Revise the structure of the Office incorporating Academic Programs Office and KMSPS (Kidist Mariam Secondary and Preparatory School) | Samson, Alemu, Abiy | Structure revised | Report | Dec. | March |
| Assign (recruit?) an employee responsible for students record and coordination of schedules at KMSPS | Samson & Alemu | An employee assigned | Report | Oct. | Oct. |
| Organize short-term training for assistant registrars, record officers, data encoders, clerks, program attendants and coordinators | Chief Registrar & Alemu | 6 rounds of training conducted & 41 persons trained on HRM (4), Stress Management (15), Time Management (15) and Customer handling (7) | Report | April | June |
| Provide training for Department Heads on class scheduling | Alemu & Habtamu | 5 Department heads trained | Report | Jan. | March |
| Provide training on invigilation of examination | Alemu & Tessema | 5 employees from ___ offices trained | Report | Dec. | Dec. |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improve the quality of teaching-learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional & distance mode | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To maximize student-focused learning by helping them achieve personal & academic goals. To ensure an academic programme which is convenient to the learning | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To keep Departments/ Faculties up-to-date regarding information about student and academic events To motivate and enhance the performance of students | | | | | |
| Keep records of grade & attendance submission, make-up exam, grade change and student attrition | Ibrahim | 2 reports produced (1 per semester) | Report | Feb. July | Feb. July |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of Verification | Execution Period | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Organize statistical data of active students every semester | Nesru | Three reports produced | Report | Oct. Feb. July | Oct. Feb. July |
| Conduct monthly meeting of programme attendants and coordinators to assess the on-going programme and availability of facilities | Alemu | 10 meetings to be held | Minutes & Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Organize discussion forum with Department Heads and Faculty Deans | Alemu, Nesru, Samson & Habtamu | discussion forum conducted | Report | April | April |
| Strategic Priority Four: To extend the UC's services and outreach activities and augment SMUC's role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Involve in assisting the community. | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To help students having academic and financial problems | | | | | |
| Provide the Social Support Forum with information of students that need financial assistance | Nesru | Information provided | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Provide training on academic programming to high school directors and share experience | Alemu & Habtamu | 5 High School Directors trained (2 from private and 3 from public) | Report | March | April |
| Strategic Priority Five: Improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the administrative processes and services | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To improve administrative staff coordination and communication | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To render quality services to customers (students) | | | | | |
| Finalize the preparation of the bylaws of Office of the Registrar | Samson | Document of bylaws produced | Report & observation | Dec. | March |
| Strategic Priority Six: Enhance link and partnerships with local and international institutions | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Strengthen link with parents of students, government and international institutions, embassies, and other pertinent institutions that are stakeholders in higher education endeavours in Ethiopia. | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enhance communication with parents who cover school fee for their regular students. | | | | | |
| Create link with parents of regular 1st year students of poor academic performance and dispatch information and receive feedback about students | Nesru | Families of those students in academic warning, probation or suspension contacted, informed about the status of students, & their feedbacks collected | Report & observation | Feb. | March |
| Strategic Priority Seven: To strengthen and deepen quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: To introduce and enhance academic and support staff appraisal schemes targeting at self-improvement | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: To render quality services to customers (students) | | | | | |
| Assess the quality of service delivery of the Office | Nesru & Samson | Assessment conducted based on feedbacks from clients and report produced | Report & Observation | May | May |
| Assess the 2002 E. C. performance of the office | Samson | Assessment conducted & report produced | Report & observation | Oct. | Oct. |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of Verification | Execution Period | |
|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Assess students' satisfaction with the services of the office | Abiy | Assessment conducted & reported | Report & observation | March | June |
| Conduct meetings with class representatives to rectify problems concerning the teaching learning process and and other related matters | Alemu, Tessema & Abiy | Two meetings with all TVET and Degree section representatives held | Report & observation | Jan. | Jan. |

10. Career & Cooperative Training Unit

| Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible Person | Indicator | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: To enhance the ICT and physical infrastructures of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To automate the various sections of the University College in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided. | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To enhance the services rendered to all students in general and job seekers of our graduates in particular. | | | | | |
| Finalize automating the unit's data and make use of it | Natnael T. | The database prepared & functioned on Access application; | | Oct. Dec. | Nov. |
| Keep current data on our graduates and their employment status | Secretary | 400 graduates sent to employers by CCTU and their employment status is identified; the employment status of 722 diploma graduates is identified | | Oct. | Sept. |
| Have a link in the institutional website to provide online services for job seekers of our graduates. | CCTU | The link made available for use; list of vacancies Posted; employment agencies' Website linked. | | | |
| Strategic priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: To increase the number of academic and administrative staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity To enhance the capacity of the UC by providing short & long term trainings as well as institutionalized CPD for staff & leadership. | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To qualitatively improve the office's services by recruiting additional manpower. To provide short term training to the office staff to effectively make use of data base management and online services for customers. | | | | | |
| Provide short-term training on database and online services management to the Unit's staff | Fisseha T. | 4 persons trained. | Report produced | March. | May |
| Strategic Priority Three: To improve the quality of teaching-learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode. | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve personal and academic goals through academic and professional advising, counseling and career services. | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To improve the implementation of internship or practical off-campus courses. | | | | | |
| Give orientation to TVET on CT implementation and Teaching 2 nd year students on practicum. | Fisseha, Natnael & Shewaye | 2 rounds of orientation to fresh TVET students, 1 round for non-fresh TVET & teaching 2 nd year students are given. | Report produced | Oct. | March |
| Plan practicum jointly with partner schools | Fisseha & Shewaye | Plan prepared with 4 partner schools | Report | Oct. | Oct. |
| Place teaching students for practicum in partner schools and assign tutors | Fisseha & Shewaye | 186 students placed at 4 schools & 14 tutors assigned for 1 st sem.; 153 students placed at 4 partner schools & 11 tutors assigned in 2 nd sem.; | Report | Oct. March | Nov. March |
| Follow up students while they are at schools. | Fisseha T. & Shewaye T. | 16 on-site Visits made and 4 schools hosted in both semesters. | Report | Oct. Feb. | Dec. April |
| Collect evaluation result from the partner schools and give it to tutors/instructors for grading | Fisseha T. & Shewaye T. | 339 evaluation forms collected from 4 partner & non partner schools in both semesters. | Report & observation | Dec. May | Dec. May |

| Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible Person | Indicator | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Plan CT & Internship (diploma & degree) jointly with concerned departments and organizations. | Fisseha T. & Natnael T. | 50 organizations contacted, 30 organizations identified willing and .memo is signed. | Report & observation | Oct. | May |
| Place of regular students to CT offering organizations. | Fisseha T. & Natnael T. | 738 reg., 836 (2000, 2001 & 2002 E) ext. dip. & 663 deg. (361 reg. & 302 ext.) students (interns) placed; 150 Acct regular & 300 Extension students hosted for CT according to the new curriculum | Report | Oct. Feb. May Dec. | Nov. Mar. June Aug. |
| Follow up regular students placed at companies | Fisseha T. & Natnael T. | On-site visit made to 888 TVET & 361 degree regular students hosted by 350 companies, | Report | Dec. | Aug. |
| Collect CT evaluation results and report to the registrar | Fisseha T. & Natnael T. | 2,687 results collected form Collaborative organizations | Report | Dec. | Sept |
| Render vocational guidance service | Fisseha, Natnael | 45 students will be served | Report | Oct. | Sept |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extending the Uc's services and outreach activities and augmenting its role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Provide short-term training and consultancy services to potential employers and members of other governmental and | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To enhance partnership link with local institutions | | | | | |
| Offer short-term training for partners of practicum and Cooperative Training | Fisseha, Natnael & Shewaye | Training need identified, 60 persons trained from __ organizations | Report | April | July. |
| Strategic Priority Five: To improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the administrative processes and services. | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To enhance efficiency and effectiveness through decentralized decision-making; | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To revise the job descriptions and set job specifications of manpower of the unit. | | | | | |
| Revise the job descriptions according to the current objective condition. | Fisseha T. | Job descriptions are revised; job specifications are set for each employee (job) of the unit. | Document produced. | Oct. | March |
| Strategic Priority Six: To enhance link and partnerships with local and international institutions. | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: To nurture and strengthen link and communication with potential employers. | | | | | |
| Specific objective: To create conducive environment for internship & employment of students & graduates. | | | | | |
| Establish/ strengthen relationship with potential employers and employment agencies for both CT and employment | Fisseha T., Natnael T & Shewaye T. | 20 employers contacted and Memorandum of Understanding signed with 15 organizations. | Document produced | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Seven: To strengthen and deepen quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: To Implement efficient and effective procedures, processes, and systems that safeguard and improve the quality of SMUC's services To introduce and enhance academic and support staff appraisal schemes targeting at self-improvement. | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: To conduct self appraisal to improve and render quality service to customers (students) from the feedback of evaluation. | | | | | |
| Prepare reports on accomplishment of planned activities thereby carry out self-evaluation | All the office members | Self evaluation conducted and report prepared. | Report & observation | Mar. | Sept. |

11. Library Services

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator ad target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: To enhance the ICT and physical infrastructures of the University College Strategic Objective: To automate the various sections of the University College in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided Specific Objective: To enhance the services rendered to clients | | | | | |
| Launch the library automation system | Solomon, Hirut, Biruk & Sintayehu | Manual prepared, program arranged and system demonstrated | Report & observation | Oct | |
| Enter, Edit and update the library data | Sintayehu & Hirut | Test and make functional the system | Report & observation | Oct | Aug |
| Maintain the system frailer | Solomon and Sintayehu | Identify system frailer and maintained the system | Report & observation | Oct | Aug |
| Enhance electronic library services | Hirut, Biruk and Sintayehu | 300 e-resources (text & audio-visual formats) made available on CDs for users | Report & observation | Oct | Aug |
| Strategic Priority Two: To enhance the HR capacity of the UC Strategic Objective: To enhance capacity by providing short-term & long-term training and institutionalized CPD for academic, Support staff and the leadership Specific Objective: To enhance the services rendered to clients | | | | | |
| Conduct training for library staff | Mesfin and Biruk | 10 staff trained on basic computer skills | Report | | Aug |
| Conduct automation library training. | Solomon | All library staff trained the new library automation system | Report | Oct | |
| Prepared voluntary library in - service training | Hirut, Biruk and Sintayehu | trained two Ledeta sub-city public libraries staff | Report | Jan | May |
| Strategic Priority Three: To improve the quality of teaching-learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional & distance mode Strategic Objective: Maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping them achieve personal academic goals Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Provide orientation for new entry students | Biruk, Hirut & Sintayehu | Orientation offered for one week | Report | Oct | Oct |
| Carry out inventory of library materials | All staff | Inventory of resources (books, journals, CDs, others resources) and assets carried out | Report | Aug | Sep |
| Identify resource needs of the faculties. | Biruk & Hirut | The resource needs of all faculties assessed, the gap identified, list of demanded prepared and purchased | Report | Nov | April |
| Acquire new library resources | Hirut, Biruk and Sintayehu | 500 books,70 journals & 100 documents acquired and made available for use | Report & observation | Nov | July |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator ad target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Repair damaged library (reading & reference) resources | Hirut and Sintayehu | Identify damaged books, collected, replaced missing pages, and 200 books recovered | Report & observation | Nov | June |
| Insert new books and journals into library soft ware system | Hirut ,Sintayehu And Fantalem | Catalogue and dispatch of 500 books and 70 journals to branch libraries made available for use | Report & observation | Oct | Sep |
| Prepare loan card for staff, preparatory, undergraduate and IGNOU students. | Hirut & Fantalem | ___ loan cards issued | Report | Oct | Jan |
| Prepare books price for late borrowers | Hirut, sintayehu and Fantalem | Report send to business and administration vice president office | Report | Nov | Mar |
| Prepare Bibliography for all SMUC library thesis | Hirut & sintayehu Fanthalem | prepared Bibliography and made available to users | Report & observation | Dec | March |
| Prepare Library annual bulletin | Biruk , sinithau Hiruit | Bulletin is made | Report and observation | | |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extension of services and outreach activities and augment SMUC's role as a local development partner Strategic Objective: Provide short-term training and consultancy services to potential employers and other community members Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Prepare out reach training | B iruk, Hirut and sintayehu | prepared training manual | Report | Jan | Aug |
| Strategic Priority Six: To enhance link and partnerships with local and international institutions Strategic Objective: Solicit partnerships in non-profit joint projects that enhance the quality of the teaching, research, publication & community service of SMUC. Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Visit University libraries for experience sharing | Biruk and Hirut | 1 library visited & report on the result produced | Report | Nov | July |
| Strategic Priority Seven: To strengthen and deepen quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes Strategic Objective: To introduce and enhance academic and support staff appraisal schemes targeting at self-improvement. Specific Objective: To render quality services to customers (students) | | | | | |
| Prepare S – Book Ratio | Hirut & sintayehu | Informatics faculty Ratio is prepared based on HERQA'S Demand | Report | Dec | Feb |

12. College of Open and Distance Learning

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and physical infrastructure of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Automate the various sections of the UC to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Automate the functions of DED in order to increase effectiveness and efficiency of service provided | | | | | |
| Ensure the implementation of online and interactive multi-media services in the areas of admission, pre-and post-entry induction, tutorial | | | | | |
| Create access to dial-up internet connection for DE coordination centers | Dereje Dagmawi | Dial-up internet connection realized at 49 DE coordination centers | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Establish online registrar information system | Getahun | System established and made functional | Report | Sept. | Oct. |
| Automate exam attendance by integrating computerized attendance to the Student database system | Zinash & Anteneh | Easy access to student attendance Improved student service | Report & observation | Jan. | Sept. |
| Develop exam program scheduler | EA Head, Anteneh & Shimelis | Exam program scheduling automated | Report and Observation | Jan. | Sept. |
| Develop exam answer sheet code | EA Head, Anteneh & Shimelis | Improved secrecy of exam | Report | Jan. | Sept. |
| Digitize students' files | Getahun | Files of ___ students digitized | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Set-up a strong back-up system for securing all vital electronic data of DED | Getahun | Proposal prepared for setting up centralized back-up system and implemented | report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Develop systems of improving the service delivery of different units | Getahun | Systems developed for ___ units and implemented | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Supply office, office furniture & equipment for newly established centers | | ___ Centers provided with furnished (with what?) & equipped (with what?) office | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Establish organized staff development system | | | | | |
| Recruit academic staff with MA/MSc | Anteneh & Ketsela Dept. Heads | 6 academic staff recruited | Report | Jan. | Sept. |
| Revise evaluation mechanism for academic staff | Ketsela Anteneh | Improved evaluation mechanism in place | Report | Dec. | Jan. |
| Offer short-term trainings at all study centers | Dereje & Zelalem | ___ persons trained on computer skill at 20 study centers | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Offer training for center coordinators on continuous assessment & grade reporting of practical courses | Dereje & Dagmawi | 70 center coordinators trained for one day at five locations | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Offer short-term training for staff at the front desk | Zinash & Anteneh | ___ persons trained on customer handling | Report | Oct. | Aug. |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching-learning & research | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Fulfill and go beyond the academic standards set at national level where such standards exist | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Improve the quality of tutorial and academic counseling service and maintain the quality of self-instructional materials | | | | | |
| Expand coverage of education by launching new programs and establishing new Coordination Centers and Agent Offices in the Regions | | | | | |
| Develop culture of research geared towards problem solving | | | | | |
| Review TVET and Teaching diploma course materials | Dept. Heads & Ketsela | All TVET and Teaching course materials revised as per the new curriculum | Report & observation | | |
| Develop TVET and Teaching diploma course materials as per the new curriculum | Dept. Heads & Ketsela | ___ new TVET and Diploma course materials developed as per the new curriculum | Report & observation | | |
| Conduct study on alternative strategy & procedure for better tutorial service | Ketsela | Working manual /Document /Guide developed | Report Observation | Jan. | May |
| Initiate and coordinate cooperative training programs | Dereje & Zelalem | Training conducted in ___ selected coordination centers and results submitted to Registrar | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Acquire electronic books and journals | Anteneh & Dereje | ___ Electronic books and journals acquired for all major degree courses | Report & observation | Nov. | Jan. |
| Establish digital library system to learners | | Electronic learning materials made available at all CCs | Report | Dec. | Aug. |
| Set up computer labs with adequate internet connection at each coordination centers | Dereje & Dagmawi | All computers at Bahir Dar, Awassa, Adama, Mekele & Dire Dawa connected to the dial-up internet access and made available to the learners | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Produce & distribute supplementary audio-video teaching materials for major courses | Ketsela, Dereje & Zelalem | CD/VCD/DVD of learning materials for 30 major courses (10 per term) made available for the learners | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| Revise course-writer recruitment procedures | Ketsela & Tamiru | A revised course-writer recruitment procedures developed and adopted | Report & observation | Oct. | Nov. |
| Review TVET student evaluation mechanisms as per the respective Occupational Standards | Dept. Heads & Ketsela | A revised evaluation mechanisms in place | Report & observation | Dec. | March |
| Conduct problem-solving research on ODL | Dept. Heads, Ketsela, Anteneh & Damene | Two research works carried out by each department and reports produced | Reports & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Identify potential areas of expansion and develop a project | Tsegaye, Samuel & Mengistie | A project designed to establish many agent offices, adopted and introduced | Reports & observation | Oct. | Nov. |
| Establish Coordination Centers and Agent Offices in different Regions | Tsegaye & Mengistie | 10 AOs upgraded to CC & 20 new AOs established | Report | Dec. | Aug. |
| Increase student population by 6% | | 13,000 (7150 Degree, 3900 Diploma (10+3), 54 Level IV | | Oct. | Aug. |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|---------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| | | Students, & 1950 Level III) new students registered | | | |
| Implement the devolution of prioritized activities | | All Coordination Centers decided on their annual registration quota | | Sept. | Sept. |
| Participate employees in decision-making process | Tsegaye & Mengistie | Members of the office participate in decision making (how?) | | Sept. | Aug. |
| Supervise the all round activities and services of Centers and Agent Offices | | All Centers and Agent Offices supervised (How?) | | Sept. | July |
| Establish learning materials store management and distribution system | | Making follow up once a week. | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Carry out projection of future demands of learning materials | | As per the schedule set by the Material distribution unit. | Reports | Nov. | July |
| Establish study groups in different coordination centers. | | Study groups at cluster centers get started | Reports | Oct. | Aug. |
| Provide practical trainings for accounting TVET learners | Dereje & Zelalem | __ learners received training for two days | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Offer cooperative trainings and tutorials for practicum, internship & practical attachment | Derje & Sinknesh | __ learners attended cooperative training and assessment results submitted to registrar office | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Offer short term computer trainings at study centers where computers are available | Dereje & Dagmawi | __ persons trained at 20 study centers | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Offer trainings on IT for distance learners | Dereje & Dagmawi | __ students registered for IT course received practical training on IT for 2 days | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Provide training for center coordinators on continuous assessment grade reporting of practical courses | Dereje & Dagmawi | 70 center coordinators trained for 1 day | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Provide training for center registrar and/ or finance clerks on using Dial up and other internet connection services | Dereje & Dagmawi | 39 persons trained for 2 days | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Repair corrupted computers (duplicate of ICTDSU) | Dereje & Dagmawi | __ PCs repaired | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Upgrade the capacity of computers at the learning centers (duplicate of ICTDSU) | Dereje & Dagmawi | __ PCs upgraded | | Oct. | Aug. |
| Supply office furniture & equipment for newly established centers | | | | | |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extension of services and outreach activities and augment SMUC's role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Provide short-term training and consultancy services to potential employers and other community members Provide quality professional consultancy and short-term trainings to private and public enterprises | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enhance the productive capacity of disadvantaged community segment and partners through technical, material and financial support | | | | | |
| Offer need-based short-term training for communities in | | __ persons from __ organizations trained on __ | Report | Oct. | April |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| different regions | | | | | |
| Produce Socio-academic entertainment programmes for electronics mass media | | 4 Socio-academic entertainment programs produced and broadcasted | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Five: Improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of administrative processes and services | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Design and improve such institutional schemes as customers handling, staff remuneration and performance management Improve administrative staff coordination and communication | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Ensure participatory decision-making through decentralization and employees' participation | | | | | |
| Ensure the timeliness and efficacy of human resource management and development rules, regulations and procedures | | | | | |
| Produce documentary film on events & activities of the UC in the previous 10 years | Zelalem & Dereje | __ documentary films produced on students' campus life & graduation ceremony, ____ | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Offer still and video camera services for SMUC community on different social occasions | Zelalem & Dereje | Services offered for __ events | Report | Oct. | Aug. |
| Make graphic designs for graduation & other bulletins, brochures, leaflets, etc | Zelalem & Dereje | Graphics designed for __ documents | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Equip the audio Video section with studio equipments and other technical materials | Zelalem & Dereje | Audio-visual section equipped with _____ (specify the items and quantity) | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Organizing archive in the audiovisual section | Dereje, Robel & Zelalem | Archive readied for reference & promotion purposes | Report & observation | Oct. | Aug. |
| Hold annual meetings with coordination centers | | 1 meeting conducted | Report | Aug. | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthen and deepen quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Implement efficient and effective procedures, processes, and systems that improve the quality of teaching, research and outreach activities. Nurture the culture of academic and administrative quality assessment at all levels with regard to endeavors, achievements and problems | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Design Quality Audit Policy and set up the structure at every level | | | | | |
| Introduce and enhance academic and support staff appraisal schemes targeting at self-improvement | | | | | |
| Conduct quality assessment of modules | Ketsela | All module of 20 courses revised | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| Assess the quality of services in the coordination centers | | Assessment conducted for all CCs | Report | Oct. | June |
| Conduct bi-annual staff performance appraisal | | 2 appraisals conducted and report produced | Report & observation | Dec. | June |
| Conduct employees satisfaction survey | | Survey conducted and report produced | Report | Feb. | Sept. |
| Conduct student satisfaction survey | | Survey conducted and report produced | Report | Feb. | Sept. |

13. Testing Center

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and physical infrastructure of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Automate the various sections of the UC to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Build physical capacity to develop digital exam bank | | | | | |
| Acquire physical facilities for preparation, collection and storage of exams and their digitization | Fekadu B | Office, furniture and hardware in place and in use <i>(What? Specify the items & respective quantity)</i> | Report & observation | Dec. | March |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Recruit and build capacity of adequate number of academic and support staff to ensure the provision of quality service to learners | | | | | |
| Recruit academic and support staff | Fekadu B. & Wubishet S. | 12 Professionals (9 academic & 6 support staff) recruited on part-time & permanent basis | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Offer short-term training for academic staff of TC | Fekadu & Wubishet | __ persons trained on __ in 3 rounds | Report | ? | ? |
| Offer short-term training for academic staff of regular program | Fekadu B. & Wubishet S. | __ persons trained on __ in 3 rounds | Report | ? | ? |
| Offer short-term training for academic staff of CODL assigned to TC | Fekadu B. & Wubishet S. | __ persons trained on __ in 3 rounds | Report | ? | ? |
| Prepare training manual | Fekadu B. & Wubishet S. | 2 Manuals prepared for training on __ | Report & observation | ? | ? |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching-learning & research | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Fulfill and go beyond the academic standards set at national level where such standards exist | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: <i>Improve the quality of assessment</i> | | | | | |
| Prepare, store and back-up moderated (standardized) assessment items (exams, assignments and projects) with answer keys and supply to CODL electronically | Fekadu B., Wubishet S., Alemayehu B., Shenkute M. | 2,576 exams, assignments & projects stored on CDs; 136 moderated electronic exams of regular program stored; items of 330 exams of CODL & regular program analyzed; | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| Prepare and store blueprints of exams | Fekadu B., Wubishet S., Alemayehu B., Shenkute M. | Blueprints of 277 exams of CODL & regular program prepared and stored | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| Prepare and administer CoC-style tests for TVET students of regular program and CODL | Fekadu B., Wubishet S., Alemayehu B., Shenkute M. | __ students (__ from regular & __ from CODL) took the CoC- style exam | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| Prepare and administer Comprehensive Degree Exit for regular program and CODL | Fekadu B., Wubishet S., Alemayehu B., Shenkute M. | __ students (__ from regular & __ from CODL) took the comprehensive exit exam | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| Acquire reference materials | Fekadu B. & Wubishet S. | 30 different types of books acquired | Report | Nov. | Feb. |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Conduct research | Fekadu B. & Wubishet S. | 5 action researches conducted on ___ and report produced | Report & observation | Jan. | Sept. |
| Publish biannual bulletin of TC | Fekadu B. & Wubishet S. | 2 issues of the bulletin published and ___ copies distributed | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extension of services and outreach activities and augment SMUC's role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Provide quality professional consultancy and short-term trainings to private and public enterprises | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Provide testing service to public and private organization and enterprise as well as individually | | | | | |
| Offer international test/s | Fekadu, Wubishet, Esete & Shenkute | 24 TOEFL iBT tests administered | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Offer special purpose tests for organizations/ institutions | Fekadu, Wubishet, Esete & Shenkute | 24 special purpose tests offered | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Promote the services through mass media | Fekadu, Wubishet, Esete & Shenkute | The services advertised 14 times through Radio, TV, brochures & posters (4 times in each) | Report & observation | Nov. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Five: Improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of administrative processes and services | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Improve administrative staff coordination and communication | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Ensure participatory decision-making through decentralization and employees' participation | | | | | |
| Ensure participatory decision making in the TC through decentralization and employees' participation. | | 24 fortnightly meetings of managerial and academic staff held | Report & minutes | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthen and deepen quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Implement efficient and effective procedures, processes, and systems that improve the quality of teaching, research and outreach activities. | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Design Quality Audit Policy and set up the structure at every level | | | | | |
| Introduce and enhance academic and support staff appraisal schemes targeting at self-improvement | | | | | |
| Prepare TC Assessment Handbook | Fekadu & Wubishet | Assessment handbook prepared | Report & observation | Dec. | Sept. |
| Conduct biannual performance evaluation of TC staff | Fekadu, Wubishet, Girum | Evaluation conducted and report produced | Report & observation | Jan. | July |
| Conduct self-assessment on the quality of work of TC | Fekadu, Wubishet, Girum | Assessment conducted and report produced | Report & observation | July | Aug. |

14. Student affairs and Services Office

| Planned Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible person | Indicator | Means of verification | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: To enhance the ICT and physical infrastructure of the University College Strategic Objective : To create a conducive teaching-learning environment by improving quality of campus life and physical facilities for learning Specific Objective : | | | | | |
| Making “ Medir Babur” Campus suitable for recreational activities | Asst. VP for SASS & ECAC | Sport fields provided at Medir Babur Campus | | Dec. | Feb. |
| Establishing clinic in Mexico Campus | The ass. VP for SASS | The clinic established at the Student Wellness center and health service provided. | | Oct. | Nov. |
| Strategic Priority two: To recruit and retain staff members of the highest excellence and continuously develop their capacity Strategic Objective : To enhance the capacity of the UC by providing short & long term trainings as well as institutionalized CPD for staff and the leadership Specific Objective : | | | | | |
| Recruit a nurse/health officer responsible to Students’ wellness Center | The ass. VP for SASS | The staff recruited and service provided. | | Nov. | Nov. |
| Offer First Aid Training to students & staff members who volunteer to give service in the students' wellness center | Health officer & ECAC | 1 round of training offered to 30 persons | | Feb. | Feb. |
| Strategic Priority Three: To improve the quality of teaching & learning and effectiveness of research, both in conventional and distance mode Strategic Objective : To maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve personal and academic goals through academic and professional advising, counseling and career services and to publish students’ works Specific Objective : | | | | | |
| Coordinate and follow up pre-sessional College survival skills training, tutorial class, language enhancement and study group programs | SASC | 10 hours Pre-sessional classes for all new entrants, tutorial classes for selected courses, & 2 study groups formed by each department. | | Oct. | Aug. |
| Supporting the student union in its reformation | Asst. VP for SASS & ECAC | The missing members of the management body replaced | | Nov. | Nov. |
| Organize student competitions | SASC | 4 competition session took place (1 per Faculty) | | March | April |
| Conduct consultative meeting with Students’ class representatives | All the office members | 2 round meetings conducted with students’ representatives and minutes produced. | | Dec. | April |
| Conduct consultative meeting with Office of the Registrar on student and academic support services | | 2 round meetings conducted with Staff of the Office of the Registrar and minutes produced. | | Dec. | April |
| Strategic Priority Four: To extend the University College’s services and out reach activities and augment SMUC’s role as a local development partner Strategic Objective: To provide community services to the nearby community in the realms of education, legal aid to the needy; and to contribute to the socio-economic development of the country Specific Objective: To encourage voluntarism and philanthropic activities among students and faculty To prevent the prevalence of HIV/AIDS | | | | | |

| Planned Activity (Necessary to fulfill the stated objective) | Responsible person | Indicator | Means of verification | Start/Finish | |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Make educational tours for awareness creation about first aid and related matters in collaboration with Red Cross Association. | The HO & ECAC | 2 rounds of tour made | | Dec. | June |
| Plant tree in Addis Ababa and its surrounding (sebeta) | All office members | 1,000 tree seedlings planted at a place offered by Oromia region administration | | Nov. | June |
| Strategic Priority Five; To improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the administrative processes and services Strategic Objective : To improve the leadership and management capacity of SMUC Specific Objective : | | | | | |
| Prepare student financial support manual | Asst. VP for SASS | The manual produced and distributed to offices. | | Oct. | Jan. |
| Prepare Volunteerism manual | Asst. VP for SASS | The manual produced and distributed to offices. | | Feb. | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Six; To enhance link and partnership with local and international institutions. Strategic Objective : To strengthen link with parents of students, higher educational institutions and governmental and international institutions Specific Objective : | | | | | |
| Creating link with at least with one organization working on HIV and reproductive health | HO | MOU signed. | | May | May |
| Strategic Priority Seven; To strengthen and deepen quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes. Strategic Objective : To sustain and increase SMUC's commitment to self-study and external audit Specific Objective : | | | | | |
| Conducting Student Satisfaction Survey | Asst. VP for SASS | Research conducted and report produced | | Dec. | Aug. |

15. Information & Communication Office

| Planned activities | Responsible body | Indicator | Execution period | |
|---|------------------|--|------------------|--------|
| | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: To enhance the ICT and physical infrastructure of the University College | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Automate the various sections of the UC to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | |
| Initiate computer services | Management | Computer bought and installed | Oct | Jan. |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity | | | | |
| Specific Objective: To satisfy the human resource of the office | | | | |
| Recruit assistant IC officer and a secretary | Management | 2 persons (an assistant and a secretary) employed | Oct | Jan. |
| Strategic Priority Three: To improve the quality of teaching & learning and effectiveness of research, both in conventional and distance mode | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | |
| Published & distribute quarterly Newsletter | Baye | 4 issues of newsletter published & 10,000 copies distributed | Oct. | Sept. |
| Facilitate training, research forums, seminars, panel discussions, public lectures and awareness creation forums | Baye | 5 training, 3 research forums, 2 seminars, 3 panel discussions, 3 public lecturers, 3 awareness creation forums facilitated. | Oct. | Sept. |
| Facilitate the participation of faculties, offices, centers, units in external training, research, panel, awareness forums | Baye | 8 various types of forums participated | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Four: To extend the University College's services and out reach activities and augment SMUC's role as a local development partner | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Provide short-term training and consultancy services to potential employers and other community members | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | |
| Facilitate sponsorship requests of external bodies | Baye | 4 sponsorships requests accepted and effected | Oct. | Sept. |
| Facilitate community development and welfare services | Baye | 6 community development & welfare services facilitated | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Five: Improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of administrative processes and services | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Improve administrative staff coordination and communication | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Create and strengthen smooth communication | | | | |
| Update the telephone directory of the UC | Baye | The updated version of the directory published | Oct. | March |
| Promote the services of the UC through mass media | Baye | 5 promotion messages (advertisement & news) issued/ broadcasted through printed and audio-visual media | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Six: To enhance link and partnership with local and international institutions | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: To strengthen link with parents of students, higher educational institutions, governmental and international institutions | | | | |

| Planned activities | Responsible body | Indicator | Execution period | |
|---|------------------|--|------------------|--------|
| | | | Start | Finish |
| Specific Objective: | | | | |
| Initiate/strengthen local and international links | Baye | 4 local and 3 international links initiated or reinforced | Oct. | Sept. |
| Publish New Year, Christmas & Easter Cards, and New Year calendar and agenda | Baye | 7,500 copies of New Year, Easter and Christmas cards (2,500 each) printed and distributed; | Jan. | Oct. |
| | | 6,000 copies of New Year calendar & agenda (3,000 each) published and distributed | Dec. | Dec. |
| Participate in external meetings (conferences, panels, etc) on issues related to higher education | Baye | 8 local/international meetings attended | Oct. | Sept. |

16. Gender Office

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and physical infrastructure of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Furnish gender office | Ergogie | The office furnished with guest chairs | Report & visit | Oct | Nov |
| Uploading the activities, policies, training/ workshop/ seminar themes & reports of the office on SMUC website | | The activities; policies, themes of training workshop/ seminars & reports uploaded | Report & observation | Oct | Aug |
| Strategic Priority Two : Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: To recruit and retain staff members of the highest excellence and continuously develop their capacity | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Acquire secretary | HR | A secretary assigned | Report & visit | Oct | Dec |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching-learning & research | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Organize workshop to communicate the Anti- Sexual Harassment and HIV/AIDS policy to the SMUC staff | Ergogie & Abebe | A one day long workshop conducted | Report & policy documents | Jan | Feb |
| Offer training for SMUC staff | Ergogie & Abebe | 100 staff trained on Sexual Harassment & HIV/AIDS | Report | Jan | Jan |
| Orientation on the Gender Office services and the over all activities for the new students of this academic year | Ergogie | 3 sessions of orientation conducted | Report | Oct | Oct |
| training for SMUC female students | Ergogie | 200 female students received assertive training | Report | Nov | Nov |
| Conduct research on Gender Analysis and Mainstreaming | Ergogie | Research conducted and report produced | Report | April | Aug. |
| Strategic Priority Four : Extension of services and outreach activities and augment SMUC's role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Provide short-term training and consultancy services to potential employers and other governmental & non-governmental organizations | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Training on Sexual harassment and HIV/AIDS for one partner college, University College or University students | Ergogie | 100 students trained | Report | Feb | Feb |
| Strategic Priority Six : To enhance link and partnership with local and international institutions | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Foster partnership with domestic & foreign HEIs, research and quality assurance agencies for knowledge-cum-experience sharing | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Initiate gender networking with private and public HEIs, | Ergogie | Concept paper produced, communicated to | Report & | Oct. | Aug. |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | Start | Finish |
| governmental & non-governmental organizations and individuals who are working on gender issues | | potential partners | documents | | |
| Celebrate International Women's Day with the SMUC community and the Kebele's Women's Affairs Office | Ergogie | | Report | March | |
| Celebrating International HIV/AIDS Day | Ergogie | | Report | Dec | |

17. Research and Knowledge Management Office

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | | |
|--|------------------------|---|--|-------|-------|
| | | | | Start | End |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and Physical infrastructure of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: To support the teaching learning process with modern technological facilities and ensure the provision of quality education | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: To enhance the manpower capacity of the UC in general and the faculty in particular | | | | | |
| Updating website of SMUC by uploading research reports & proceeding documents done by the UC | Befekadu | The presence of the Research Office in SMUC's website | Observation of website | Nov. | Dec. |
| Strategic priority two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: Capacity through short and long term trainings, institutionalize CPD for academic , support staff and leadership | | | | | |
| Specific objective: enhance the manpower capacity and competence of the faculty through provsion of continuous T & D programs | | | | | |
| Organize training on basic research skills and SPSS for SMUC staff | Maru & Mesfin | Handout on research methodology & manual for SPSS produced and 30 individuals trained | Report | Jan. | March |
| Strategic priority three: improving the quality of teaching-learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode | | | | | |
| Strategic objective: publish journals, text books, higher education series, and organize workshops that would enhance the efforts in teaching, research and publication. Maximize student learning experience, promote student focused learning through academic and professional advising and counseling | | | | | |
| Specific objective: improve the quality of education, ensure the smooth running of the teaching learning process, enhance the competence of students and facilitate involvement of academic staff in research activities | | | | | |
| Collect and organize research articles and/or reports, guidelines, proceedings, journals etc so far done by CERIQa and faculties of SMUC | Maru & Zinash B. | All research outputs of the UC collected and organized as a database of the office in terms of publications organized | Observation of collected materials | Oct. | Oct. |
| Collect studies done on PHEIs so as to make SMUC as clearing house of database on PHEIs | Mesfin, Maru & Silenat | A clearing house on PHEIs established | Observation of collected materials | Jan. | Aug. |
| Publish & disseminate proceedings of the 8 th annual national conference on PHE in Ethiopia | Maru & Zinash B. | 250 copies of the proceedings document produced & disseminated to relevant parties | Observation of proceedings | Oct. | Oct. |
| Organize the 9 th annual national conference on PHE in Ethiopia | Maru & Mesfin | The conference held, 15 research papers, out of them 2 commissioned for plenary session, selected and presented | Observation & report on the event | Nov. | Aug. |
| Publish the & disseminate the 2 nd multi-disciplinary research forum | Maru & Zinash | 200 copies of the proceeding document produced & disseminated to end users | Observation of proceedings | Nov. | Nov. |
| Organize the 3 rd multi-disciplinary research forum | Maru & Mesfin | The forum took place, 10 papers selected & presented | Observation of call for paper released | Nov. | June |
| Publish & disseminate papers presented at the 1 st to 4 th students research forum | Maru & Zinash | 100 copies of the proceeding document produced & disseminated to end users | Observation of report | Nov. | Nov. |
| Organize the 5 th Student Research Forum | Maru & Mesfin | The forum took place, 10 senior essay papers selected and presented | Observation & report on the event | Nov. | June |

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|--|------------------------|--|--|------|-------|
| Develop a report on ten years research activities of SMUC | Maru, Mesfin & Silenat | Report produced | Observation of report | Nov. | Dec. |
| Finalize tracer study for extension program of SMUC | Mesfin | Report produced | Observation of report | Jan. | May |
| Conduct nation-wide tracer study in collaboration with public universities | Maru, Mesfin & Silenat | MoU signed by and with ___ HEIs, ToR, proposal and study Documents for nation-wide tracer study produced | Observation and report | Jan. | Aug. |
| Collaborate with department research council to encourage faculty research activities | Maru | Number of research activities initiated by faculty | Counting on number of paper contributors | Nov. | Aug. |
| Assess training need & feasibility studies for natural science & technology fields at certificate, diploma and degree levels | Maru, Mesfin, | Report on Need Assessment and Feasibility produced, Feasible new programs identified | Observation of document | Nov. | Feb. |
| Prepare operational manual for Research Office | Maru & Mesfin | Report on operational manual prepared | Observation of document | Jan. | March |

18. CEIQA

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|-------|
| | | | | Start | End |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and physical Infrastructure of the University College Strategic objective: Automate the various sections of the UC to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided Specific objective: | | | | | |
| Finalize the development of database driven web application for a general report system in SMUC | Befekadu & Mekdes | Database driven web application developed and tested | Report & observation | Oct. | Dec. |
| Finalize the assessment of Systems Automation Productivity of the UC | Befekadu & Mekdes | System automation productivity assessed and report produced | Report | Oct. | March |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC Strategic Objective: Enhance the capacity by providing short- & long-term trainings, institutionalized CPD for academic, support and the leadership staff Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Organize induction program to new academic staffs | Dr. Wondimagegn & Mekdes | Induction manual prepared & all new SMUC staffs received induction | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Organize training for the academic staff of the UC on various pedagogic issues | Dr. Wondimagegn & Mekdes | 4 Training organized (1 per quarter year) & 30 staff members trained | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Priority Three: To improve the quality of teaching-learning & effectiveness of research, both in the conventional & distance mode Strategic Objective: Fulfill and go beyond the academic standards set at national level where such standards exist) Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Publish and disseminate the quarterly 'Quality Matters' newsletter of CEIRQA | Dr. Wondimagegn, Essete & Befikadu | 4 issues of 'Quality Matters' produced and 4,000 copies disseminated. | Observation & report | Oct. | June |
| Post Quality Matters newsletter on SMUC Website | Befekadu | 4 issues of 'Quality Matters' posted | Report | Oct. | June |
| Prepare Bulletin of Students Statistic (BOSS 2009) | Befekadu & Mekdes | BoSS (2009) prepared and published | Report & observation | Nov. | Dec. |
| Prepare Annual Book of SMUC profile for the year 2010 | Befikadu | The annual book of profile produced | Report & observation | Nov. | Jan. |
| Back-up the research works and other publication accomplished by the center so far | Befikadu and Mesfin | A copy of all research outputs and publications of the center kept in printout & electronic media | Report & observation | Jan. | June |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extending the UC's services and outreach activities and augmenting its role as a local development partner Strategic objective: Provide training potential employers and members of other governmental and non-governmental organizations Specific objective: To enhance the practice of partnership and joint-work | | | | | |
| Provide training on quality of education | Dr. Wondimagegn & Essete | 3 rounds of training offered to 150 persons from 15 organizations | Report | Oct. | June |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
|---|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|-------|
| | | | | Start | End |
| <p>Strategic Priority Five: Improving the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the admin processes and services Strategic objective: Improve administrative staff coordination and communication Specific objective:</p> | | | | | |
| Compile monthly reports of the institution | Befikadu | 12 reports (1 per month) produced | Report & observation | Oct. | Sept. |
| <p>Strategic Priority Six: Enhance and link partnerships with local and international Institutions Strategic objective: To foster partnership with local & foreign HE, research & QA institutions for knowledge-cum-experience sharing and dissemination Specific objective: To enhance the practice of partnership and joint-work</p> | | | | | |
| Establish collaborative links with HE quality assurance & ADR units found in other HEIs | Dr. Wondmagegn | Experience sharing held with ADRUs of 4 (Jimma, Haramaya, Addis Ababa & Gondar) Universities; MoU signed with 4 local & 1 foreign institutes | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Establish collaborative links with international networks of HE quality assurance | Dr. Wondmagegn | MoU signed with 1 regional network | Report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Initiate local network of HE quality | Dr. Wondimagegn & Essete | Concept paper produced and 1 consultative meeting held with potential partners | Report & doc | Jan. | Sept. |
| <p>Strategic Priority Seven: To strengthen and deepen quality Assessment and sustained Improvement Schemes Strategic objective: Implement efficient & effective procedures, systems that safeguard & improve the quality of SMUC's teaching, research & outreach activities Nurture the culture of academic and administrative quality assessment at all levels Develop quality audit manuals, protocols, post-evaluation program of action, and communication channels Specific objective: Enhance the quality of services offered at unit and institution level towards assuring the minimum standards are met</p> | | | | | |
| Prepare annual plan of the institute | Mesfin & Dr. Wondmagegn | Annual plan of action prepared at major unit and institution levels for the year 2004 | Report & plan doc | Oct. | Oct. |
| Validate the program level self-assessment conducted in the institution (SMUC) | Dr. Wondmagegn & Essete | The self-assessment reports of all major units verified | Report | Jan. | March |
| Establish a regular consultative communication session with QA Units | Essete | 12 consultative meetings held with all QA Units of major units | Report & minutes | Oct. | Sept. |
| Prepare comprehensive self-assessment manual of the institution | Dr. Wondmagegn & Essete | 1 manual developed for self-assessment at program and institution levels | Report & observation | Jan. | Sept. |
| Follow up, monitor and evaluate departments and offices annual performance | Shegaw, Selenat & Mesfin | 4 monitoring visits including the CCs, 2 monitoring and 1 evaluation reports developed | Observation & report | Dec. | Aug. |
| Compile performance report of faculty members | Shegaw & Selenat | 2 reports produced on student evaluation, 1 comprehensive evaluation report produced | Report | Jan. | Sept. |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | End |
| Assess the annual performance of the centre | Essete | The annual performance of the centre assessed and report produced for 2002 & 2003 | Report | Oct. | March |
| Assess the current (baseline) situation of academic units with respect to the minimum requirement of HERQA | Mesfin & Essete | The existing situation and the gap identified, actions for improvement suggested | Report | Jan. | Sept. |
| Design a mechanism to integrate the quality assurance practices of CODL with that of CEIQA | Dr. Wondmagegn & Shegaw | A framework for communication linkage and joint work/ integration of work developed | Framework doc & report | Oct. | Sept. |
| Design a mechanism to integrate the quality assurance practices of SGS with that of CEIQA | Dr. Wondmagegn & Shegaw | A framework for communication linkage and joint work/ integration of work developed | Framework doc & report | Jan. | Sept. |
| Conduct mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the five-year plan of the institution | Mesfin & Essete | Evaluation conducted and report produced | Report | Jan. | May |
| Revise the strategic plan of the institution | Mesfin, Essete & Shegaw | Strategic plan of the institute reviewed and report produced | Report | June | Sept. |
| Develop institutional data as per the requirements of EMIS of MoE | Befikadu | Institutional data required by MoE organized | Report | Oct. | Jan. |
| Acquire/ subscribe for Journal of Quality of HE | Dr. Wondimagegn | 1 Journal acquired through subscription | Report & observation | Jan. | Sept. |
| Organize an in-house seminar on Q enhancement & Assurance in HE | Dr. Wondimagegn & Shegaw | 3 seminars conducted | Report | Jan. | Sept. |

19 Business and Administration Division

| Activity | Responsible Person | Indicator | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Direction one: Enhancing the ICT and Physical infrastructure of the UC | | | | | |
| Specific objectives : To automate the various Property and Finance Management System of the UC to increase efficiency and effectiveness of services provided | | | | | |
| To automate the HR data maintenance system of the University College in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of services | | | | | |
| Revising and upgrading the payroll system for finance office (distance and regular) | Yohannes | The system enabled to generate reports on identifying each students unpaid tuition fee | | Oct. | Dec. |
| Set up the database payroll system for the preparatory High school | Yohannes | The database system become operational | | Jan. | Feb. |
| Networking the finance payroll system with the cash register machine software | Yohannes | Enhancing our efficiency on cash collection system | | Oct. | Dec. |
| Develop HRM Information System and Provide Management with key employment indicators | HRM Office | HRMIS established and made functional | | July | |
| Strategic Direction two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| General objective: Increase the number of staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity | | | | | |
| Specific objectives: To work towards the attainment of Staff : Student ratio of 1:20 for lecture courses and 1:12 for practical courses | | | | | |
| To ensure that the <i>Academic Support Staff Ratio</i> is in accordance with international standards | | | | | |
| Providing short term training for finance office employees | Yohannes | 5 persons trained on Financial Accounting (2) Tax Accounting (2) and Budgeting (1) | | Oct. | Aug. |
| Perform annual performance analyses to training determine needs | Mekonnen | Proposal document produced and communicated to HR office | | Jan. | Feb. |
| Increase awareness of the Property and Finance staff regarding proclamations, policies and regulation | Mekonnen | A brochure prepared and distributed. | | Jan. | April |
| Recruit professional staff for finance offices | Mekonnen | Four section heads recruited – Disbursement section heads (2), Center Accounts' section head (1), and SGS finance heads (1) | | Oct. | Nov. |
| Staff Recruitment, Selection, Orientation, Placement and Employment (both Academic & Administrative) | Tilahun | Selection and employment will be conducted | | Oct. | Sept. |
| Assess/ review the recruitment & selection process | Tilahun | Assessment made based on feedbacks from recent recruits of the UC and report produced | | Oct. | Sep. |
| Develop and implement retention scheme | Goitom & Tilahun | Retention Scheme document prepared | | Jan. | |
| Prepare and implement annual leave plan for both administrative and academic staff | Tilahun, Eden | Annual Leave schedule will be prepared | | Nov. | |

| Activity | Responsible Person | Indicator | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Conduct job satisfaction survey | Goitom, Tilahun | Job satisfaction survey conducted & report produced | | May | |
| Offer short term trainings to staff on selected topics | Tilahun, Tesfaye | __ persons trained on Time & Stress Management, Basic Computer Application, Records Management, Communication Skill Development, Performance Management, Human Resource Management, and Leadership and Motivation | | Oct. | April |
| Conduct biannual skill audit | Tilahun | Skill audit schedule will be prepared & skill audit report will be submitted | | March | Sept. |
| Evaluate the ensure efficient utilization of the medical insurance service | Tilahun | Insurance service report will be produced | | Nov. | |
| Ensure efficient provision of HR services to users | Tilahun | Performance report will be produced | | Oct. | Sept. |
| Review, update and harmonize the operational guidelines of the HRM department such as as per the new structure | Goitom, Tilahun | Revised version of 3 operational guidelines produced (Employment, Transfer & Promotion Manual, Disciplinary Guidelines & Performance Evaluation Procedures) | | Nov. | |
| Provide training (to management staff?) | Tilahun, Tesfaye | __ persons trained on Management & Leadership Skill Development | | Jan. | March |
| Develop succession plan | Goitom, Tilahun | Succession plan developed | | | |
| Revise the existing remuneration scheme based on the job analysis report | Goitom, Tilahun | Revised remuneration scheme document produced | | Jan. | Feb. |
| Conduct experience sharing visits to organizations | Team from BAD | Two visits made and report presented | | Apr. | |
| Strategic Priority Three: Improving the quality of teaching -learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode | | | | | |
| Strategic Objectives : Publish journals, textbooks, higher education series, and workbooks that would enhance the efforts in teaching, research and publication | | | | | |
| Maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve personal academic goals through academic and professional advising, counselling and career services | | | | | |
| Specific Objectives: Improve the quality of education, ensure the smooth running of the teaching learning process, enhance the competence of students, and facilitate involvement of academic staff in research activities | | | | | |
| Conduct consultation meeting with Faculty and department heads | BAD exec. Com. members | two meetings conducted, minutes produced and actions taken as per agreements | | Jan. | May |
| Strategic Direction Four: To extend the UC's services and outreach activities and augment UC's role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Specific Objectives : To provide short-term training to potential employers and members of other governmental and non-governmental organizations | | | | | |
| To provide quality professional consultancy and short term trainings to private and public enterprises. | | | | | |
| Offer trainings to potential employers and members of private and public organizations | Tilahun, Tesfaye | __ persons trained from __ organizations on ____ | | Oct. | Sept. |
| Strategic Direction Five: Improving the quality, Effectiveness and efficiency of Administrative process and services | | | | | |

| Activity | Responsible Person | Indicator | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Specific Objectives: Ensure that property and finance office activities are responsive, supportive, efficient and effective | | | | | |
| To improve the leadership and management capacity of SMUC | | | | | |
| Develop system for preparation and submission of regular weekly reports on critical activities focusing on property and financial management matters | Mekonnen | Cash balance and maintenance reported weekly for decision making | | Oct. | Sept |
| Put in place effective purchasing system | Mekonnen | Procurement service is improved. | | Jan | |
| Ensure that all vehicles of the UC are efficiently used and maintained | Ayele | Transport log put in place and each vehicle is monitored; a regular and a stand-by transport facility made available all time at each campus | | Oct. | |
| Manage and oversee that effective cash management System is in place | Yohannes | Daily cash collection & disbursement report prepared, weekly surprise cash count done | | Oct. | Sept. |
| Develop efficient and effective system for monitoring monthly tuition fee collection | Mekonnen | The paycal system up-graded & ad hoc committee established to monitor every student payment status | | Oct. | |
| Ensure that all academic and administrative activities are supported with adequate budget allocation | Tibebu | Financial plan prepared and quarterly reports produced | | Oct. | Sept |
| Establish office and unit level communications through staff meeting and regular reports system | Mekonnen | Ad-hoc committee established from finance and property & facility office to improve the offices communication system | | Nov. | |
| Conducting supervision work at regional offices | Yohannes & Aytenfisu | On-site supervision visits made to 60 regional offices and reported | | Jan. | Sept. |
| Open depository account for centers | Yohannes | Account opened at 8 regional CCs & AOs | | Oct. | Dec. |
| Preparing cash flow statement and interim financial statement for regular education program, CODL and SGS | Yohannes, Aytenfisu & Kassahun | Quarterly financial statement is issued | | Oct. | Sept. |
| Build a finance department that attracts and retains talent | Mekonnen & Yohannes | Minor structural adjustment is made on the existing finance office structure | | Nov. | Dec. |
| Build annual budget planning for each academic and administrative division with adequate budget allocation | Tibebu | Budget plan produced at major unit level and summary report is issued | | Oct. | |
| Review budget utilization and variance | Tibebu | Quarterly budget analyses report is issued | | Oct. | Sept. |
| Develop a finance team, finance management committee, with the right mix of skills and talents | Mekonnen & Yohannes | Employee recognition & award committee formed and made functional | | Nov. | |
| Implement cost-effective, value added business process | Mekonnen & Ayele | Review critical business functions to create revenue generating & cost reduce schemes | | Oct. | |
| Implement specially designed crisis management alternative plan | | Periodic reports presented at executive committee & administrative council meetings | | | |

20. Top Management

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Priority One: Enhance the ICT and physical Infrastructure of the University College | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Automate the various sections of the UC to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: To automate the functions of the centre in order to increase effectiveness and efficiency of service provided | | | | | |
| To renovate at least two houses acquired at regions and start a formal or tutorial/remedial class in both regular and extension | Wondwossen Taye | Property will be ready class started | Report | Oct | July |
| Reorganize the printing unit of CODL to avail service to external users and generate Income | Wondwossen Taye | Unit organized starts operation | Report | Oct | April |
| Automate High School Mgmt system and Budget office system of the University College in collaboration with the ICT Unit | Misganaw | System developed | Report & observation | Nov | April |
| Complete the construction of building at Distance Education Division | Wondwossen & Taye | Construction Completed | Site Visit | Oct | Sept |
| Seek ICT and science area donations from partner institution abroad. | Wondwossen, Tedla, Misganaw | Donation received | Report | Oct | Sept |
| Construct students toilet at SGS (for High School purpose) | Taye | toilet constructed | Report | Aug | Sept |
| Minimize the cost of printing in collaboration with the ICT unit. | Wondwossen & Taye | Printing cost reduced by 30% | Report | Oct | Sept |
| Ensure exchange of information Via Intranet | Misganaw | Intranet widely used | Report | Jan | April |
| Strategic Priority Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Enhance the capacity by providing short- & long-term training and institutionalized CPD for academic, support and the leadership staff | | | | | |
| Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Satisfy demand for human resource | | | | | |
| Explore opportunities for staff training. (Comment) | Wondwossen, Tedla, Misganaw | | | | |
| Offer training to CDOL/TC academic staff to involve in the teaching program where necessary to minimize cost/reduce overtime payments. | Misganaw, Taye | Training will be given | Report | Feb | March |
| Organize property and finance management training for top and middle level managers, in collaboration with Admin | Taye, Misganaw | >> | >> | Nov | Dec |
| Publish staff appraisal scheme, retention schemes & staff profile document to minimum turnover and redundancy of labour/employment. | Wondwossen | Publication issued | >> | Nov | March |
| Organize training on pedagogy. | Misganaw | Training will be given | Report | Feb | March |
| Strategic Priority Three: To improve the quality of teaching-learning & effectiveness of research, both in the conventional & distance mode | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Fulfil and go beyond the academic standards set at national level where such standards exist | | | | | |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Improve the national and international research endeavours of the UC by sponsoring research symposia, publishing proceedings & designing ways of increasing research active faculty within SMUC | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Expand the services of TC in at least 5 regions. | Misganaw, Taye | Service started | Report | Oct | March |
| Prepare a feasibility study to open KG, primary & secondary school in the year 2004 | Taye | document produced | >> | March | May |
| Organize a brainstorming session for initiating new department aiming at Hare Skills. | Tedla, Misganaw | Seminar prepared | >> | March | June |
| To Perform self quality assessment in collaboration with CEIQA | Wondwossen, Tedla, Misganaw | Assesment will be performed | >> | | |
| Produce workbooks for the market or seeking market for published books. | Wondwossen, Taye | | | | |
| Create link between degree program prospective graduate who pass through project paper for their fulfilment of program and final year TVET student to transfer knowledge so as to create an opportunity for future market | Misganaw | Link created in all depts | >> | Feb | June |
| To start annual "Best Student of the Year" program to create environment that leads to the improvement of quality of teaching-learning process. | Tedla, Misganaw | Best Student Nominated | >> | Dec | June |
| Strategic Priority Four: Extending the UC's services and outreach activities and augmenting its role as a local development partner | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Contribute to socio-economic development of the country by sponsoring social events that are relevant for social change, and encouraging voluntarism and philanthropic activities among students and faculty | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| To organize one seminar related to HIV/AIDS and other STD (Operators are students). | Misganaw, Tedla | Seminar performed | Report | March | May |
| Acquire additional fund for social support activity and students scholarship program Like NGO's fund, Banks fund, Embassy fund | Wondwossen, Tedla, Taye | Fund secured | >> | Nov | Sept |
| Revise the policy on scholarship to encourage scholarship seekers to at least cover 50% through their own effort | Wondwossen, Taye | Policy revised | >> | Feb | April |
| Establish official contract with EMI, AACC, and other renowned consultants and trainers to share the market of short term training and consultancy. | Tedla, Misganaw | MoU signed | >> | Feb | June |
| Provide training on entrepreneurship for selected group of the nearby community. | Misganaw | training given | >> | Feb | April |
| Survey possible areas of interventions & consultancy & training | Misganaw | Survey conducted | >> | Jan | June |
| Produce a documentary film on SMUC. | Wondwossen, Taye | | | | |
| Strategic Priority Five: Improving the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the admin processes and services | | | | | |

| Activity | Responsible person | Indicator and target | Means of verification | Execution period | |
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| | | | | Start | Finish |
| Strategic Objective: Improve the leadership and management capacity of SMUC | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Revise the budget lines of the University College aiming at cost efficiency. | Wondwoseen, Taye | Budget lines revised | Report | Oct | Nov |
| Improve staff involvement in the implementation of each units action plan. | Wondwoseen, Taye | participation increases | Report | Oct | Sept |
| Practicing “Best worker/section of the month/quarter/year” especially related to work efficiency and/or cost saving and/or Income generation | Wondwoseen, Taye | Best worker/section nominated | Report | Nov | June |
| Studying the system to control irregular leave (mainly medical) and avoid any accrued leaves. | Taye | Study Performed | Report | Jan | March |
| Strategic Priority Six: To enhance and link partnerships with local and international Institutions | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Foster partnership with domestic and foreign higher education institutions, research organizations and quality assurance agencies for knowledge-cum-experience sharing and dissemination | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: Enhance the practice of partnership and joint-work | | | | | |
| Create link with local and international NGO to support the scholarship program. | Wondwoseen, Taye, Misganaw | MoU signed | Report | Dec | April |
| Create link to professional Association that target at improvements of the students professional carrier | Misganaw | Link created in all departments | Report | Dec | June |
| Reactivate partnership with HEIs with which MoU was signed | Misganaw | MoU signed | Report | Nov | March |
| Strategic Priority Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | | | | |
| Strategic Objective: Nurture the culture of academic and administrative quality assessment at all levels with regard to endeavours, achievements and problems pertaining to SMUC’s teaching, research and service functions and the administrative setting | | | | | |
| Specific Objective: | | | | | |
| Carryout self-assessment focusing on alternative strategies | Wondwoseen, Taye | Assessment done | Report | Dec | March |
| Organize seminar on performance Auditing | Wondwoseen, Taye | Seminar done | Report | March | May |
| Revising the 5 year strategic plan, if necessary | Tedla | Plan Revised | Report | Jan | June |

ANNUAL PLAN OF THE INSTITUTION

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| Strategic Direction One: Enhance the ICT and physical infrastructures of the University College | | |
| Equip Department, offices and quarters with ICT facilities | BF, ICO | __ + 1 PCs made available |
| Post course and other supporting materials on the intranet | BF, LF, TEeF | Teaching materials uploaded for __ + 11 courses |
| Upload documents and relevant information on SMUC website | GO, RKMO | The activities, policies & reports of Gender Office uploaded; __ Research event notification, outputs and proceedings posted |
| Create access to internet services | FoB | __ access points made available |
| Promote (publicize) the outreach/ community services of the UC | COS | Content promoting community/ outreach services developed and posted on SMUC Web site |
| Overhaul the existing mail system | ICTDSU | 99.99 % availability and improved speed of the mail system with lesser mails bouncing back incidents |
| Develop IT security policy | ICTDSU | Document of IT security policy of SMUC produced |
| Establish secure VLAN | ICTDSU | 3 VLANs implemented |
| Implement ISA server | ICTDSU | ISA server implemented at Mexico campus |
| Prepare network blue print SMUC | ICTDSU | Physical & logical design of SMUC network structure documented |
| Prepare information architecture of SMUC | ICTDSU | Priorities for IS development set in the IA document |
| Create IT asset configuration database | ICTDSU | All IT asset configuration data is stored in the DB |
| Establish an MS Sharepoint portal service platform | ICTDSU | MS Sharepoint implemented and staff collaboration automated |
| Establish centrally administered domain-based network at Bole campus | ICTDSU | Domain-based network implemented at Bole campus |
| Manage centrally the various IS systems (How?) | ICTDSU | All information systems are managed centrally by the ICT SD Unit |
| Create thin clients for all departments | ICTDSU | Data/ file storage centralized and clients freed |
| Load computers with antivirus and update continuously | ICTDSU | All computers loaded with anti-virus & up-to-date virus database |
| Prepare FTP site for software gallery and antivirus update | ICTDSU | FTP site created for software gallery and antivirus update |
| Select and Implement Network diagnostic and performance measurement tools | ICTDSU | Network diagnostic and performance measurement tools employed |
| Develop a database | COS, CCTU | 2 database constructed for information on the demand side of consultancy services in Ethiopia, and services of CCTU in MS-Access environment |
| Develop/ acquire software and implement systems automation | ICTDSU, CCTU, CODL, BAD, TM | Test bank & item analysis of the Test Center; student class & exam scheduling of regular & extension programs; Finance, Inventory and Human Resource functions; Service Desk activities; DE exam attendance; DE exam scheduling; Paycol system |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| | | of the preparatory high school; High School Mgmt system and Budget office system automated. |
| Develop software for preparing class programs and linking it with the Registrar system (differ from above?) | OoR | Degree and TVET regular as well as extension schedules prepared and posted online |
| Develop HRM Information System (differ from the above) | BAD | HRMIS established and made functional |
| Launch automated service of the library system | LS | Manual prepared, library data updated & loaded and system demonstrated |
| Acquire e-resources for electronic library services | LS | 300 e-resources (text & audio-visual formats) made available on CDs for users |
| Assess the existing information systems & prioritize for development of applications | ICTDSU | Inventory of current information systems conducted, documented and priorities for IS development set |
| Finalize the development of database driven web application for a general report system in SMUC | CEIQA | Database driven web application developed and tested |
| Finalize the assessment of Systems Automation Productivity of the UC | CEIQA | System automation productivity assessed and report produced |
| Load students data into the database of the registrar system | OoR | Data of students of previous years (1995 E.C & 1996 E.C) and photos of 2003 Entry students made available in the DB |
| Create a link/ webpage in the institutional website | CCTU | The page for CCTU created & made available for use; list of vacancies posted; websites of employment agencies linked |
| Create access to dial-up internet connection for DE coordination centers | CODL | Dial-up internet connection realized at 49 DE coordination centers |
| Acquire physical facilities | TC, SASS | __Office, furniture and hardware acquired for TC (What? Specify the items & respective quantity); __sports field for __ constructed at Midir Babur campus; Gender Office furnished with guest chairs |
| Establishing clinic in Mexico Campus | SASS | Clinic established at Student Wellness Center and health service provided |
| Renovate houses acquired at regions and start a formal or tutorial/remedial class in both regular and extension | TM | 2 houses renovated and started to serve for class |
| Reorganize the printing unit of CODL to avail service to external users and generate Income | TM | Unit organized starts operation |
| Complete the construction of building at CODL compound | TM | Construction Completed |
| Construct students toilet at SGS (for High School purpose) | TM | Toilet constructed |
| Acquire ICT & science equipment donation from partners | TM | Donation received (specify the items and quantity) |
| Strategic Direction Two: Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC | | |
| Recruit new academic and administrative staff | BF, SGS, OCS, CODL, TC, ICO | 30+__ persons hired (full- and part-time) |
| Prepare training manual | BF, TC | 5 Manuals prepared for training on ____, reception, office management & correspondence production |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| Conduct training need assessment | BAD | Assessment conducted for BAD, proposal document produced and communicated to HR office |
| Offer short-term training for staff | BF, TEdF, ICTDSU, OoR, LS, CODL, TC, GO, RKMO, CEIQA, BAD, TM | ___ + 270 staff trained on Pedagogies, Basic Research and SPSS, Accounting Application software (QuickBooks, Peachtree), MS Excel & Access applications, Strategic Marketing Management, Logistics, Import export, digital marketing, minor/common troubleshooting issues, ICT equipment maintenance, CCNA, Microsoft network administration, software development tools and techniques, new ICT systems (Outlook, Sharepoint and ftp), HRM, stress management, time management, customer handling, class scheduling, invigilation of examination, database and online services management, basic computer skills, library automation system, continuous assessment & grade reporting of practical courses, Sexual Harassment & HIV/AIDS, Financial accounting, Tax accounting, Budgeting, Records management, Communication skill development, Performance management, Leadership and motivation, Property and finance management |
| Offer training to students | SASS, GO | 230 students trained on First Aid, assertiveness, |
| Prepare manpower plan | BF | Plan document produced |
| Arrange experience sharing session | BF, BAD | ___ persons participated in ___ + 2 experience sharing events |
| Promote the academic rank of staff member | LF | 1 persons promoted to higher academic rank |
| Revise the HR structure | OoR | Structure of the Office of the Registrar revised incorporating Academic Programs Office and KMSPS (Kidist Mariam Secondary and Preparatory School) |
| Review the employee recruitment & selection process | BAD | Assessment made based on feedbacks from recent recruits of the UC & reported |
| Conduct job satisfaction survey | BAD | Job satisfaction survey conducted for the UC & report produced |
| Develop and implement employee retention scheme | BAD | Retention Scheme document prepared |
| Prepare and implement annual leave plan | BAD | Annual Leave schedule prepared for both administrative and academic staff |
| Conduct biannual skill audit | BAD | 2 Skill audits conducted & report produced |
| Evaluate the utilization of the medical insurance service | BAD | Insurance service utilization evaluated & report produced |
| Review HRM operational guidelines | BAD | Revised version of 3 operational guidelines produced (Employment, Transfer & Promotion Manual, Disciplinary Guidelines & Performance Evaluation Procedures) |
| Develop succession plan | BAD | Succession plan developed |
| Revise the existing remuneration scheme | BAD | Revised document of remuneration scheme produced |
| Strategic Direction Three: Improve the quality of teaching-learning & effectiveness of research, both in the conventional & distance mode | | |
| Acquire books | LF, TEdF | 12+ ___ different types of books acquired |
| Prepare teaching materials | BF, TEdF, CODL | 6 materials produced on International Business, Change & Conflict Management, Business Research Methods, Entrepreneurship, Reading, Grammar TVET program specification document produced in line with the new curriculum; ___ TVET and Diploma course materials of DE developed as per the new curriculum |
| Revise the teaching materials | BF | ___ 1 Revised teaching material produced on Micro Economics |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| Prepare course delivery, assessment guidelines for all TVET courses in the new curriculum. | BF | Assessment & delivery documents compiled |
| Organize seminar/ panel discussions | BF, TE dF | ___+6 Panel discussions conducted on Ethiopian Taxation Regulations, Directives and Proclamation with Special emphasis on VAT, TOT, and Employment Income Tax; Auditing Practices in Ethiopia, focusing on Challenges and prospects; Risk Management and Insurance Contemporary Issues and Practices in Management; Business Ethics; Human resource management; The Role of a Secretary In an Office; The Application of Mathematics in Business Fields; Developing Positive Attitude towards Mathematics; How to Learn Mathematics in TVET; How to Teach English in 1 st & 2 nd Cycles (2)Primary Education |
| Arrange educational trips for students | BF, LF | ___ Educational trips conducted for Introduction to Cost Accounting, Production and Operation Management courses; ___ sessions of court observation conducted |
| Organize Guest Speech/ lecture | BF, LF | ___+2 Guest speech events took place |
| Provide academic advisory service to needy students | BF, LF | ___ Students served |
| Conduct practical/ internship sessions | BF | Practical/ internship sessions conducted by ___ students in ___ courses |
| Undertake research activities | BF, TE dF | ___+ 3 researches conducted on ___, The Status-quo of Language Proficiency among Degree Students at SMUC, The Relevance of Mathematics for Business Faculty Students, An Overview of the Current Discourse on the Privatization of Fresh Water in Ethiopia, Corrupt Behaviors of Instructors at Higher Education Level: The Case of Selected PHEIs 1 article published in JBAS |
| Offer tutorial sessions for basic and major courses | BF, TE dF | ___ sessions offered to ___ students on Principles of Accounting I, Principles of Accounting II, Financial Accounting I & Financial Accounting II |
| Revise guideline/ manual | BF | The updated version produced for senior research advising and evaluation guidelines |
| Maintain data about staff absenteeism, prompt grade submission and records of grade change | LF | Data on staff absenteeism, delayed grade submission & grade change documented |
| Publish Journal and Bulletin | LF | 2 issues of the Mizan Law Review 2 issues of The Teacher bulletin published |
| Prepare students for Student Research Forum | LF | 2 students selected and their preparation checked till presentation |
| Establish Center for Law in Sustainable Development (CLiSD) | LF | Proposal prepared & submitted to the Senate; the center established |
| Acquire accreditation for the curriculum developed and submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval. | SGS | ___ curricula accredited for ___ programs |
| Initiate the implementation of proposal for the School of Graduate Studies programs approved by top management | SGS | The organizational structure & management methods adopted and made functional |
| Publish a “Graduate Catalog” for the newly developed Masters Program in the Faculties of Law & Business, and The Institute of Agriculture and Development. | SGS | The catalogue prepared and published |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| Initiate Distance Mode Master's Program in partnerships with Haramya University in selected programs. | SGS | Distance Mode Master's Program launched in _____ program |
| Develop "course modules" for students, as most courses are offered on block basis. | SGS | ___ modules prepared for __ programs |
| Carry out preventive maintenance of computers and servers | ICTDSU | All computer labs and office computers are ready for use at the beginning of every semester |
| Visit distance learning centers to conduct inventory and carry out preventive maintenance | ICTDSU | All PCs at 14 CCs (DebreMarkos, Bahir Dar, Gondar, Debre Tabor, Mekele, Dessie, Debre Birhan, Wolkite, Jima, Metu, Dire Dawa, Harar, Arbaminch, Hawasa) received maintenance |
| Prepare and Implement computer and power safety procedures | ICTDSU | All staff are given guidance on how to save power and ensure safety of IT assets |
| Organize statistical data of active students every semester | OoR | Three reports produced |
| Conduct monthly meeting of program attendants and coordinators to assess the on-going program and availability of facilities | OoR | 10 meetings to be held |
| Plan practicum jointly with partner schools | CCTU | Plan prepared with 4 partner schools |
| Place teaching students for practicum in partner schools and assign tutors | CCTU | 186 students placed at 4 schools & 14 tutors assigned for 1 st sem.; 153 students placed at 4 partner schools & 11 tutors assigned in 2 nd sem.; |
| Follow up students while they are at schools. | CCTU | 16 on-site Visits made and 4 schools hosted in 2 semesters. |
| Plan CT & Internship (diploma & degree) jointly with concerned departments and organizations. | CCTU | 50 organizations contacted, 30 organizations identified willing and .memo is signed. |
| Place of regular students to CT offering organizations. | CCTU | 738 reg., 836 (2000, 2001 & 2002 E) ext. dip. & 663 deg. (361 reg. & 302 ext.) students (interns) placed; 150 Acct regular & 300 Extension students hosted for CT according to the new curriculum |
| Follow up regular students placed at companies | CCTU | On-site visit made to 888 TVET & 361 degree regular students hosted by 350 companies, |
| Carry out inventory of library materials | LS | Inventory of resources (books, journals, CDs, others resources) and assets carried out |
| Identify resource needs of the faculties. | LS | The resource needs of all faculties assessed, the gap identified, list of demanded prepared and purchased |
| Prepare loan card for staff, preparatory, undergraduate and IGNOU students. | LS | ___ loan cards issued |
| Prepare Bibliography for all SMUC library thesis | LS | prepared Bibliography and made available to users |
| Prepare project proposal for expansion of DE | CODL | Project designed to establish many agent offices, adopted and introduced |
| Establish Coordination Centers and Agent Offices in | CODL | 10 AOs upgraded to CC & 20 new AOs established |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| different Regions | | |
| Increase student population by 6% | CODL | 13,000 (7150 Degree, 3900 Diploma (10+3), 54 Level IV Students, & 1950 Level III) new students registered |
| Supervise the all round activities and services of Centers and Agent Offices | CODL | All Centers and Agent Offices supervised (How?) |
| Establish learning materials store management and distribution system | CODL | Making follow up once a week. |
| Carry out projection of future demands of learning materials | CODL | As per the schedule set by the Material distribution unit. |
| Establish study groups in different coordination centers. | CODL | Study groups at cluster centers get started |
| Prepare, store and back-up moderated (standardized) assessment items (exams, assignments and projects) with answer keys and supply to CODL electronically | TC | 2,576 exams, assignments & projects stored on CDs; 136 moderated electronic exams of regular program stored; items of 330 exams of CODL & regular program analyzed; |
| Prepare and store blueprints of exams | TC | Blueprints of 277 exams of CODL & regular program prepared and stored |
| Prepare and administer CoC-style tests for TVET students of regular program and CODL | TC | __ students (__ from regular & __ from CODL) took the CoC- style exam |
| Prepare and administer Comprehensive Degree Exit for regular program and CODL | TC | __ students (__ from regular & __ from CODL) took the comprehensive exit exam |
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| Strategic Direction Four: Extend the services and outreach activities of the UC and augment its role as a local development partner | | |
| Offer short (on-job) training to PO, NGO, GO and external community members | BF, OoR, CCTU, GO, CEIQA, BAD | __ +615 persons from __ +20 organizations trained on the Basics of Accounting; Marketing; Customer Service; Entrepreneurship; Business Management; Time Management; Business Plan; Academic Programming in Secondary School; Sexual Harassment and HIV/AIDS; Assertiveness; Quality of Higher Education |
| Offer in-service training for librarian | LS | 2 public librarians from Ledeta Sub-city trained |
| Offer legal aid service for needy community members by regular 4 th year students | LF | Service offered at moot court 3 days a week for 8 months |
| Initiate tutorial programs in natural & social science areas in preparatory high school | TEdF | Proposal prepared, submitted for top-management, approved and implemented |
| Initiate Translation & Editorial Service at institutional level | TEdF | Proposal prepared, submitted for top-management, approved and implemented |
| Offer short-term professional consultancy services | TEdF, COS | __ +6 projects of consultancy services (training, survey, assessment, evaluation, design...) offered |
| Administer The Migration and Development Survey of Maastricht's University in Ethiopia | COS | Survey administered in selected sites of the country |
| Prepare document detailing how to handle consultancy service in the areas of ICT | ICTDSU | Guideline/ manual for consultancy service provision produced |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| Link SMUC graduates with employers and keep data on the employment status | CCTU | 400 graduates sent to employers by CCTU and their employment status is identified; the employment status of 722 diploma graduates is identified |
| Offer international test/s | TC | 24 TOEFL IBT tests administered |
| Offer special purpose tests for organizations/ institutions | TC | 24 special purpose tests offered |
| Promote services of Testing Center through mass media | TC | The services advertised 14 times through Radio, TV, brochures & posters |
| Make educational tour for awareness creation on First Aid in collaboration with Red Cross Association. | SASS | 2 rounds of tour made |
| Plant tree in Addis Ababa and its surrounding (sebeta) | SASS | 1,000 tree seedlings planted at a place offered by Oromia region |
| Prepare manual, guideline, handbook... | SASS, ICTDSU, COS | 4 manuals prepared for Student Financial Support, Volunteerism, and consultancy service provision in ICT & COS |
| Sponsor community development and welfare services | ICO | 6 community development & welfare services sponsored |
| Acquire external fund for social support & students scholarship program | TM | Birr _____ secured |
| Revise the scholarship policy of SMUC | TM | Revised document produced |
| Establish official contract with EMI, AACC and other renowned consultants to share the consultancy market | TM | MoU signed with 2 organizations |
| Assess the possible areas of interventions & consultancy | TM | Assessment conducted and report produced |
| Produce a documentary film on community and outreach services of SMUC | TM | ___ documentary film produced |
| Strategic Direction Five: Improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the administrative processes and services | | |
| Enhance the relationship and team spirit of the academic staff (how? By doing what?) | BF | Better working staff environment created |
| Update data on staff and students profile/ statistics | LF | 2 documents (1 per semester) of data on staff & students produced |
| Generate income through professional consultancy services (Duplication?). | COS | 1 Million Birr worth projects won and delivered |
| Manage (Appraise?) IT investment | ICTDSU | Costs and benefits of all IT systems and infrastructure is documented |
| Document third party service relations | ICTDSU | All third party relations are documented and fulfillment of SLAs followed up |
| Plan IT asset capacity | ICTDSU | All IT asset acquisitions and maintenance are planned in advance |
| Conduct inventory of assets | ICTDSU | All IT assets are accounted for |
| Revise the structure and job descriptions | OoR, CCTU | The structure and job descriptions of 2 major units are revised |
| Involve staff members in the decision-making processes at major unit level | CODL, TC | 24 fortnightly meetings of managerial and academic staff held |
| Update the telephone directory of the UC | ICO | The updated version of the directory published |
| Promote the services of the UC through mass media | ICO | 5 promotion messages (advertisement & news) issued/ broadcasted through |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| | | printed and audio-visual media |
| Compile monthly reports of the institution | CEIQA | 12 reports (1 per month) produced |
| Develop system for preparation and submission of weekly property and financial management reports | BAD | Cash balance and maintenance reported weekly for decision making |
| Put in place effective purchasing system (What? How?) | BAD | Procurement service is improved. |
| Ensure that all vehicles of the UC are efficiently used and maintained | BAD | Transport log put in place and each vehicle is monitored; a regular and a stand-by transport facility made available all time at each campus |
| Manage and oversee that effective cash management System is in place | BAD | Daily cash collection & disbursement report prepared, weekly surprise cash count done |
| Develop efficient and effective system for monitoring monthly tuition fee collection | BAD | The payroll system up-graded & ad hoc committee established to monitor every student payment status |
| Ensure that all academic and administrative activities are supported with adequate budget allocation | BAD | Financial plan prepared and quarterly reports produced |
| Establish office and unit level communications through staff meeting and regular reports system | BAD | Ad-hoc committee established from finance and property & facility office to improve the offices communication system |
| Conducting supervision work at regional offices | BAD | On-site supervision visits made to 60 regional offices and reported |
| Open depository account for centers | BAD | Account opened at 8 regional CCs & AOs |
| Preparing cash flow statement and interim financial statement for regular education program, CODL and SGS | BAD | Quarterly financial statement is issued |
| Build a finance department that attracts and retains talent | BAD | Minor structural adjustment is made on the existing finance office structure |
| Build annual budget planning for each academic and administrative division with adequate budget allocation | BAD | Budget plan produced at major unit level and summary report is issued |
| Review budget utilization and variance | BAD | Quarterly budget analyses report is issued |
| Implement cost-effective, value added business process | BAD | Review critical business functions for revenue generating & cost reducing schemes |
| Design and implement crisis management alternative plan | BAD | Plan prepared, implemented & reports presented at executive committee & administrative council meetings |
| Identify "Best worker/section of the month/quarter/year at SMUC" | TM | 17 best workers and 17 best Units of the year, quarter and month identified with respect to work efficiency and/or cost saving and/or Income generation |
| Develop a finance team, finance management committee, with the right mix of skills and talents (differ from above?) | BAD | Employee recognition & award committee formed and made functional |
| Strategic Direction Six: Enhance link and partnership with local and international institutions | | |
| Create links with business organizations/ industries for the implementation of the practical sessions | BF, CCTU | Links established with ___ + 15 industries that hosted practical sessions for ___ students |
| Create/ maintain active link with law schools towards sustaining and enhancing submissions to Mizan Law | LF | Links created/ maintained with ___ law schools |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| Review and the distribution of the Journal | | |
| Participate in Legal Education Reform Program of the country | LF | Membership in project coordination tasks |
| Establish link with HEIs | COS, CEIQA | Link established & MoU signed with 6 HEIs (Maastricht Graduate School of Governance focusing on research and outreach activities); Experience sharing held with ADRUs of 4 (Jimma, Haramaya, Addis Ababa & Gondar) Universities; |
| Create link with parents of regular 1st year students of poor academic performance to exchange information about students | OoR | Families of all students in academic warning, probation or suspension contacted, informed about the status of students, & their feedbacks collected |
| Create link with organization working on HIV and reproductive health | SASS | Link established and MoU signed with 1 organization. |
| Publish New Year, Christmas & Easter Cards, and New Year calendar and agenda | ICO | 7,500 copies of New Year, Easter & Christmas cards printed and distributed; 6,000 copies of New Year calendar & agenda published and distributed |
| Participate in external meetings (conferences, panels, etc) on issues related to higher education | ICO | 8 local/international meetings attended |
| Initiate gender networking with private and public HEIs, governmental & non-governmental organizations | GO | Concept paper produced, communicated to potential partners |
| Initiate local network of HE Quality Assurance | CEIQA | Concept paper produced and 1 consultative meeting held with potential partners |
| Create link with local and international NGO to support the scholarship program. | TM | MoU signed with __ organizations |
| Create link to Professional Association that target at improvements of the students professional carrier | TM | Link created with 9 professional associations (in all departments) |
| Reactivate partnership with (initiate joint work?) HEIs with which MoU was signed | TM | (__ project proposals prepared and) MoU signed with __ HEIs |
| Strategic Direction Seven: Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes | | |
| Conduct self-assessment and evaluation at unit level | All Units | 20 quality assessment and evaluations conducted & reported |
| Conduct staff evaluation | BF, CODL, TC | 6 evaluations conducted & reported |
| Conduct meeting with student representatives | BF, LF, OoR | 8 Meetings conducted |
| Review curriculum/ course/ course outline/ module | BF, TEoF | Curriculum revised for __ Degree programs; TVET course delivery and assessment guideline made available; The quality of 3 (Sophomore English, Civic and Ethical Education) course assessed and report produced; __ course outlines reviewed & report produced; DE modules of 20 courses revised |
| Conduct assessment of student satisfaction | LF, OoR, SASS | 3 Assessment conducted and reports produced |
| Formulate short (Medium?) and long-term plans | SGS, ICTDSU | 2 Medium-term (five-year) plan prepared |
| Prepare IT Continuity Plan | ICTDSU | Detailed plan for options of service continuity in cases of disaster produced |

| Activity | Responsible body | Indicator and target |
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| Prepare Change management document | ICTDSU | Document detailing how to trace and manage changes in the IT system produced |
| Prepare IT Risk Assessment and Management Plan | ICTDSU | All IT Risks assessed and alternatives to manage them proposed |
| Assess the annual performance | All Units | 20 Assessment conducted & report produced |
| Identify Student–Book Ratio | LS | The ratio and gap identified for Informatics Faculty based on HERQA’s requirement |
| Prepare annual plan of the institute | CEIQA | Annual plan of action prepared at major unit and institution levels for the year 2004 |
| Validate the program level self-assessment conducted in the institution (SMUC) | CEIQA | The self-assessment reports of all major units verified |
| Follow up, monitor and evaluate departments and offices annual performance | CEIQA | 4 monitoring visits including the CCs, 2 monitoring and one evaluation reports developed |
| Compile performance report of faculty members | CEIQA | 2 reports produced on student evaluation, 1 comprehensive evaluation report produced |
| Assess performance of the centre | CEIQA | The annual performance of the centre assessed and report produced |
| Assess the current situation of academic units with respect to the minimum requirement of HERQA | CEIQA | The existing situation and the gap identified, actions for improvement suggested |
| Design a mechanism to integrate the quality assurance practices of DED with that of CEIRQA | CEIQA | A framework for communication linkage and joint work/ integration of work developed |
| Conduct mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the five-year plan of the institution | CEIQA | Evaluation conducted and report produced |
| Revise the strategic plan of the institution | CEIQA | Strategic plan of the institute reviewed and report produced |
| Develop institutional data as per the requirements of EMIS of MoE | CEIQA | Institutional data required by MoE organized |
| Organize seminar on Performance Auditing | TM | 1 Seminar conducted and report produced |

ANNEXES

Monitoring tools

Monitoring Record I

| Strategic Planning Period: | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Financial/Academic Year: | | | |
| Faculty/Division/Department/Office: | | | |
| <i>Strategic Theme/Priority Addressed:</i> | | | |
| <i>Strategic (general) objective:</i> | | | |
| <i>Specific objective:</i> | | | |
| Activity | Expected results (output) | Indicators | Comment <i>(Note progress/ achievement, problems, and recommendations for corrective measures)</i> |
| Activity 1.1 | | | |
| Activity 1.2 | | | |
| Activity 1.3 | | | |
| Activity 1.4 | | | |
| Activity 1.5 | | | |

Monitored by (Name of person): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Monitoring Record II: Site Visit

Strategic Planning period: _____

Financial/academic year: _____

Faculty/Division/Department/Office: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Project Number: _____

Project Name: _____

Name of Person(s) Visiting Project: _____

Objective of the visit (i.e., routine supervision, technical assistance, problem resolution)

Observations:

Recommendations:

Actions to be taken and next steps

Monitoring and Progress Reporting

Strategic Planning Period: _____
 Faculty/Division/Department/Office: _____
 Reporting period: _____
 Date: _____

Financial/academic year: _____
 Type of report (frequency): _____
 Compiled by (Name of person): _____
 Signature: _____

| Strategic Theme/Priority Addressed: | | |
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| Strategic Objective: | | |
| Specific Objective: | | |
| Planned Activity | Planned target for the reporting period (expected results and Indicators) | Is the planned target being achieved? If “no”, describe why it is so, and indicate the way forward (i.e., recommendation) |
| Activity 1.1 | | |
| Activity 1.2 | | |
| Activity 1.3 | | |
| Activity 1.4 | | |
| Activity 1.5 | | |

N.B. Planned target could be:

- Starting carrying out the activity in the reporting period
- Part of the activity to be accomplished in the reporting period
- Completing the planned activity by 100% - by achieving the desired results (outputs) in the reporting period.

Monitoring and Progress Reporting

I. Narrative Report (please use as much space as needed)

a) *Activities completed in this period:*

b) *Problems and difficulties encountered in the implementation process:*

c) *How have these problems/difficulties been addressed?*

d) *Assessment of achievements to date based on indicators specified in the work plan:*

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| e) <i>Activities yet to be completed:</i> |
| f) <i>Request for additional technical assistance (if any):</i> |
| g) <i>Request for revision in implementation schedule or activities (if any):</i> |
| h) <i>Additional remarks:</i> |

Strategic Directions and objectives of SMUC

| Strategic goal/direction | Strategic objective To: |
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| <p>(1)Enhancing the ICT and physical infrastructure of the UC</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Construct buildings to accommodate the growing need for classrooms, syndicate rooms, lecture halls, staff office facilities, libraries, staff reading rooms, cafeteria, recreation centers, training centers, play grounds, model offices and/or shops, resource centers with adequate facilities for the conventional mode of teaching; (b) Construct own office buildings and regional study centers to accommodate the growing number of distance learners; (c) Create a conducive teaching-learning environment by improving quality of campus life and physical facilities for learning; (d) Develop ICT enterprise architecture for SMUC, avail well-equipped and sufficient ICT resource centers and sustain the same for the conventional and distance education divisions; (e) Automate the various sections of the UC in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided; (f) Expand the capacity of the UC's resource centers and libraries in terms of adequate space, equipment, furniture, and relevant materials in printed and electronic formats |
| <p>(2)Enhancing the HR capacity of the UC (recruiting and retaining staff members of the highest excellence and continuously developing their capacity)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Increase the number of academic and non-academic staff by recruiting those with high competence, diligence and integrity; (b) Design HRD strategy which caters the need for sound organizational structure, job description, and attractive staff remuneration and benefit packages with the aim of motivating, upgrading and retaining staff; (c) Enhance the capacity of the UC by providing short-term and long-term trainings as well as institutionalized CPD for academic staff, support staff and the leadership; (d) Work towards the attainment of staff to student ratio of 1:20 for lecture courses and 1:12 for practical courses; (e) Steadily raise the number of academic staff with the academic rank of lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor and above as per MOE policy through recruitment and by encouraging research and publications that facilitate academic promotion; (f) Ensure that the number of permanent and joint staff is beyond double the number of part-time (adjunct) staff; (g) Work towards the objective that no instructor shall start teaching before induction and introductory pedagogic training; (h) Ensure that the academic to support staff ratio shall be in accordance with international standards (i.e., between 2:1 and 3:1) |
| <p>(3)Improving the quality of teaching - learning and effectiveness of research, both in the conventional and distance mode</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Initiate, develop and enhance demand driven and need-based curricula both at undergraduate and graduate levels, and make period revisions of existing curricula; (b) Fulfill and go beyond the academic standards set at national level where such standards exist (such as the curriculum and standards for Law degree Program and the TESO for Teacher Education); (c) Publish journals, textbooks, higher education series, digest series, and workbooks that would enhance the institution's efforts in teaching, research and publication; (d) Maximize the student learning experience, and promote student-focused learning by helping students achieve personal academic goals through academic and professional advising, counseling and career services; (e) Encourage student involvement in the decision-making process at SMUC; (f) Encourage research undertakings of faculty and students in the institution by securing adequate internal and external funds and by providing other administrative support; (g) Improve the national and international research endeavors of the UC by sponsoring research symposia, publishing proceedings, and designing ways of increasing research active faculty within SMUC; (h) Set up regional study centers for distance learners with all the necessary |

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| | <p>manpower and material resources and improve the tutorial services provided;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ensure efficient programming in both the conventional and distance education divisions; (j) Focus on enrolling students of diversified background with the requisite academic base for SMUC academic programs; (k) Improve learning outcomes of distance learners by improving and developing standardized and up-to-date self-instructional interactive multi-media resources/materials; (l) Facilitate practical training in the regional study centers for distance learners and in the conventional mode as well; (m) Strengthen the existing communication, collaboration and coordination within the UC; (n) Improve and further diversify the existing student assessment schemes used at SMUC |
| (4) Extending the UC's services and outreach activities & augmenting its role as a local dev't partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Involve in preventing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS by providing well-coordinated guidance and counseling services, as well as assisting students and others living with the virus; (b) Provide community services to the nearby community in the realms of education, legal aid to the needy, training on ICT literacy, business education and others; (c) Provide financial aid and scholarship opportunity for women, people with disabilities, and other socially disadvantaged groups; (d) Augment SMUC's involvement in social development programs; (e) Contribute to socio-economic development of the country by sponsoring social events that are relevant for social change, and encouraging voluntarism and philanthropic activities among students and faculty; (f) Provide short-term training and consultancy services to potential employers and members of other governmental and non-governmental organizations; (g) Provide quality professional consultancy and short-term trainings to private and public enterprises; |
| (5) Improving the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the admin processes and services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Enhance efficiency and effectiveness through decentralized decision-making; (b) Improve the leadership and management capacity of SMUC through such activities as training, putting in place induction schemes, succession plans, transparency and accountability; (c) Reduce sole dependence on tuition by developing alternative revenue sources; (d) Establish the requisite transportation management structure and provide efficient and adequate transportation services; (e) Improve administrative staff coordination and communication; (f) Design and improve such institutional schemes as customers handling, staff remuneration and performance management; |
| (6) Enhancing link and partnership with local and international institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Form/ establish strong link with SMUC alumni and consistently conduct tracer study of graduates; (b) Nurture and strengthen link and communication with potential employers; (c) Strengthen link with parents of students, government and international institutions, embassies, and other pertinent institutions that are stakeholders in higher education endeavors in Ethiopia; (d) Create and enhance link with higher education institutions, faculties and departments both at national and international level that target at conducting undergraduate and post-graduate programs, research and outreach activities; (e) Solicit partnerships in non-profit joint projects that enhance the quality of the teaching, research, publication and community service functions of SMUC; (f) Foster partnership with domestic and foreign higher education institutions, research organizations and quality assurance agencies for knowledge-cum-experience sharing and dissemination. |
| (7) Strengthening and deepening quality assessment and sustained improvement schemes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Implement efficient and effective procedures, processes, and systems that safeguard and improve the quality of SMUC's teaching, research and outreach activities; (b) Nurture the culture of academic and administrative quality assessment at all levels with regard to endeavors, achievements and problems pertaining to SMUC's teaching, research and service functions and the administrative setting thereof; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(c) Design quality audit policy and setup the structure at every level;(d) Develop quality audit manuals, protocols, post-evaluation program of action, and communication channels;(e) Sustain and increase SMUC's commitment to self-study and external audit;(f) Introduce and enhance academic and support staff appraisal schemes targeting at self-improvement (which are different from performance evaluation mechanisms used for rewards and promotion);(g) Involve student representatives in academic and administrative quality assessment schemes;(h) Ensure the implementation of SMUC's Quality Assurance Council decisions and findings of CEIRQA and the Council's Units. |
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Strategic Issues and Objectives of Research at SMUC

This section gives the strategic issues and objectives that will address the strategic issues identified for the strategic period. The strategic objectives shall guide the operational strategies to guarantee the realization of each strategic objective of the main verifiable results of undertaking the objectives

Operational Strategies

- Mobilize full participation of the SMUC staff
- Develop transparent research funding rule and regulation
- Develop linkages and work relationships with local and international partners
- Provide relevant research information to all stakeholders on the basis of studies and projects

Strategic Issue One: Creating a Conducive Research Environment at SMUC

Strategic objective 1: Establishing an optimum ratio of research-teaching engagement at SMUC

Strategic objective 2: Evaluating and improving the existing system for recognizing and rewarding staff/student engagement in research.

Strategic objective 3: Improving facilities and infrastructure needed for research.

Indicators of Progress

- The amount of support given to staff to undertake research, research visits, attend conferences and other research-related activities
- The amount of fund allocated from the institution to research related activities
- Provision of facilities and research infrastructure at institutional level

Strategic Issue Two: Upgrading the research skill of the academic staff and students

Strategic objective 1: Developing manuals for training

Strategic Objective 2: Organizing permanent training sessions for academic staff and students

Indicators of progress

- The amount of involvement of students more in research activity as a means of learning, including learning about or even contributing to the Research undertaken by their tutors;
- The learning & teaching of research methods in the appropriate discipline and/or professional area.

Strategic Issue Three: Creating teaching-research link at institution level.

Strategic objective 1: developing research guidelines and implementing plans to strengthen the teaching-research nexus.

Strategic Objective 2: Organizing sessions where the link between research and teaching are regularly discussed

Indicators of Progress

- Developed guidelines for the creation of teaching-research nexus.
- Using and applying research outcomes across disciplines within SMUC.
- Constructing curricula which are more research-based.
- Organized sessions for drawing on new findings and developments in the appropriate discipline and/or professional field

Strategic Issue Four: Developing and strengthening the research management and support system.

Strategic objective 1: Examining the existing Research Governance Framework and putting in place effective leadership and management system at all levels.

Strategic objective 2: Developing information database regarding research grant opportunities and staff publications

Strategic objectives 3: Undertaking regular leadership and management training relevant to research.

Strategic objectives 4: Developing a mechanism for introducing Research Assessment Exercise at institutional level and for reviewing the research strategy on regular basis

Indicators of Progress

- The establishment of a Research Government System at the Senate & down to the lower level.
- Establishment of information data base on grant opportunities & staff publications.
- Number and type of training given to research mangers.
- Developed manual for Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) and commencement of evaluation activities.

Strategic Issue Five: Developing a Scheme for Research Funding and Income Maximization through Research.

Strategic objective 1: Developing systems for generating income through research.

Strategic Objective 2: Increasing external research income by making an increased number of grant applications.

Indicators of Progress

- The establishment of a funding scheme at institutional level
- The amount of external fund secured from a range of funding sources & across disciplines
- The number & type of grant applications made

Strategic Issue Six: Encouraging Collaborative Research

Strategic objective 1: Developing contact databases on academic institutions, industry and business that might engage in research in partnership with SMUC.

Strategic objective 2: Identifying researchable issues of disciplines (within and outside of SMUC) and creating synergies between disciplines.

Strategic objective 3: Creating links and partnerships with local and international institutions

Indicators of progress

- Development of database on possible research partners.
- Links with businesses and other potential funders locally, nationally & internationally.
- Type & number of researchable issues identified across disciplines.
- Type & number of research links established with other institutions.

Strategic Issue Seven: Enhancing SMUC's Research Profile by Disseminating Research Findings

Strategic objective 1: Raising institutional awareness on research and information dissemination.

Strategic objective 2: Developing a variety of modalities to communicate the research activities of SMUC to internal & external stakeholders.

Indicators of progress

- The dissemination of research findings through website, on-line research news, etc
- The creation of closer liaison between CEIRQA and other sections of SMUC in a manner that maximizes communication about research

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

To realize SMUC's strategic objectives, all the way through the five year phase of implementation, attention will also be given to the inclusion of cross-cutting measures related to planning, management and governance issues of higher education; issues related to quality, gender, access, equity, performance appraisal practices, grading system, students' performance, motivation and attitude; distance education and highly relevant social issues such as HIV/AIDS.