Mission, Values, Strategic Goals
The University of Southern Mississippi/ College of Education and Human Sciences/ School of Library and Information Science

Mission

USM CoEHS SLIS

USM is a community of engaged citizens,

8. Community participation that promotes social responsibility and citizenship

collective professional growth, recognition, and success; and educational attainment for the citizens of Mississippi and beyond and the resulting impact on quality of life and economic development.

Research: We believe that research is an essential part of scholarship, not just for the creation of new knowledge but also for the support of teaching and learning and sharing of new knowledge with multiple communities of interest.

## Strategic Goals USM

- 1. Support student success to foster retention, progression and graduation
- 2. Promote teaching, research, and creative excellence
- 3. Strategically expand undergraduate and graduate enrollment
- 4. Strengthen economic and community partnerships
- 5. Invest in faculty and staff to maximize their potential
- 6. Promote a culture of inclusiveness of people and ideas
- 7. Enhance physical, technological, and financial infrastructure to support our mission, vision, and values 8. Improve efficiency and effectiveness of institutional processes and systems

## CoEHS

- 1. Achieve recognition as a premier provider of the academic programs in CoEHS (evidenced by assessment measures; including national accreditation, rankings and licensure exams; related to faculty, curriculum, technology, research, and funding).
- 2. Maintain undergraduate and graduate programs that recruit the highest quality students (as measured by admission, retention, and graduation standards), faculty, and staff.
- 3. Achieve targeted and strategic enrollment growth in CoEHS. 4. Achieve retention and graduation rates in the top quartile nationally in higher education.
- 5. Optimize synergy through communication, collaboration, and planning across programs and campuses.
- 6. Maintain an inclusive, engaged community of learners that reflects and respects diversity of people and ideas.
- 7. Continue to integrate & advance emergent technology. 8. Maintain strong connections and develop collaborative partnerships with alumni as well as other individuals and groups, both internally and externally, to further the mission of CoEHS
- 9. Ensure an infrastructure within the College that provides educational opportunities that attract, engage, and retain diverse, well-prepared students who progress and graduate professional opportunities that recruit, develop, engage, and retain a diverse and well-qualified faculty and staff competitive graduate stipends attractive functional classroom research and office space
  - attractive, functional classroom, research, and office space leadership that maximizes the results and resources through strategic planning and encourages responsible stewardship and ecological responsiveness.

## SLIS

- 1. Maintain recognition as a strong, accredited provider of LISeducation and training
- 2. Review departmental processes, objectives, and activities as necessary for continuous accreditation
- Support targeted, strategic enrollment growth in undergrad and grad programs
- 4. Foster retention, progression, and graduation in all programs.
- 5. Enhance the visibility of SLIS programs and faculty
- 6. Maintain and develop connections with stakeholders to further the mission of SLIS
- 7. Emphasize professional development for faculty, staff, and students
- 8. Support student research activities
- 9. Support faculty contributions to research and scholarship.