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UTS:LAW

STRATEGIC PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The Faculty of Law is a dynamic and innovative law school. Since its commencement in 1975 it has achieved great success for the quality of its legal education and its commitment to practice-oriented learning. From its earliest days it has sought to provide a nurturing environment to ensure all students have the opportunity to fulfill their goals. In more recent years we have built a strong reputation for research excellence, engagement, and researcher development. We have achieved this because of the support and commitment of a skilled and engaged professional and academic staff, working within a collegial environment.

UTS:Law supports and works within the framework of the UTS Strategic Plan. As we approach our fortieth anniversary, it is timely for the Faculty to put its own imprint on that broader strategy. We want to build on our strong foundations to strengthen our reputation for legal education and research so that we can realize our vision whilst maintaining our collegial tradition. The Law Strategic Plan will guide us in the achievement of that vision.



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OUR VISION IS TO BE AND TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS ONE OF THE FIVE LEADING LAW SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA.

PURPOSE

WE LEAD BY:

- Providing a legal education and undertaking research that is innovative, rigorous, practice-oriented, and that promotes justice and respect for the rule of law.
- Working in partnership with our staff, students, and the community in a respectful and collegial environment.



LEARNING AND TEACHING

OBJECTIVE 1: FOSTER LEARNING AND TEACHING THAT IS INNOVATIVE, INTERACTIVE, AND RESEARCH-INSPIRED SO THAT WE DEVELOP GRADUATES WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF THEIR PROFESSION AND A GLOBAL SOCIETY.

Strategies to achieve our objective:

- 1.1 Facilitate student learning in an environment which is rigorous, relevant, practice-oriented, embedded in a global, ethical and justice consciousness.
- 1.2 Foster experiential student learning in a scholarly, reflective, and collaborative environment.
- 1.3 Review and refine our pedagogies making appropriate use of technology.

RESEARCH

OBJECTIVE 2: GENERATE EXCELLENT LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH THAT MAKES A CRITICAL CONTRIBUTION TO DEBATE, POLICY, AND LAW-MAKING.

Strategies to achieve our objective:

- 2.1 Maintain a research culture which fosters and supports research excellence from academics and students at every stage of their career.
- 2.2 Develop our unique research strengths and encourage cutting-edge research which engages across disciplines and the world.
- 2.3 Communicate our research effectively and responsibly.

THE EXTERNAL COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVE 3: DEVELOP THE EXTERNAL PROFILE OF THE FACULTY THAT REFLECTS OUR CONTRIBUTION TO LAW AND THE COMMUNITY.

Strategies to achieve our objective:

- 3.1 Develop connections that build alumni as advocates for the Faculty and foster life-long relationships.
- 3.2 Cultivate and maintain relationships with key stakeholders and the wider community that enhance legal education, student opportunities, and research.
- 3.3 Align development programs with our vision and values to build support for the Faculty's priorities.

THE UTS: LAW COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVE 4: FOSTER A COMMUNITY IN WHICH STAFF AND STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO, AND BENEFIT FROM, AN INTELLECTUALLY VIBRANT, COLLEGIAL AND JOYOUS ENVIRONMENT.

Strategies to achieve our objective:

- 4.1 Nurture an ethos of excellence that encourages and values the contributions of all staff.
- 4.2 Guide and support staff and students so they continue to develop as reflective professionals.
- 4.3 Maintain principles of good governance that ensure transparency, fairness, accountability and sustainability.



THE VALUES THAT INFORM WHAT WE DO (UTS VALUES):

DISCOVER

and share new knowledge and new ways to lead through our teaching, research, intellectual debate and use of technology

ENGAGE

and collaborate with each other, our students, alumni, partners, professions and communities, locally and internationally

EMPOWER

each other and our students to grow, contribute, challenge and make a difference

DELIVER

on our obligations to each other, our students, our partners and communities, while maintaining high standards and ethical behaviour

SUSTAIN

our local and global environment, our organisational health, our ability to create a positive, viable future