



TWO YEARS TO TWO DECADES (2y2d)

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Action 2y2d

Working together toward our shared future.

A collaboration of the UW Office of the Provost, campus faculty, staff, and students

Re-envisioning Our Shared Future

Our shared future depends on choices we make today. Even small changes can lead to large and lasting impact.

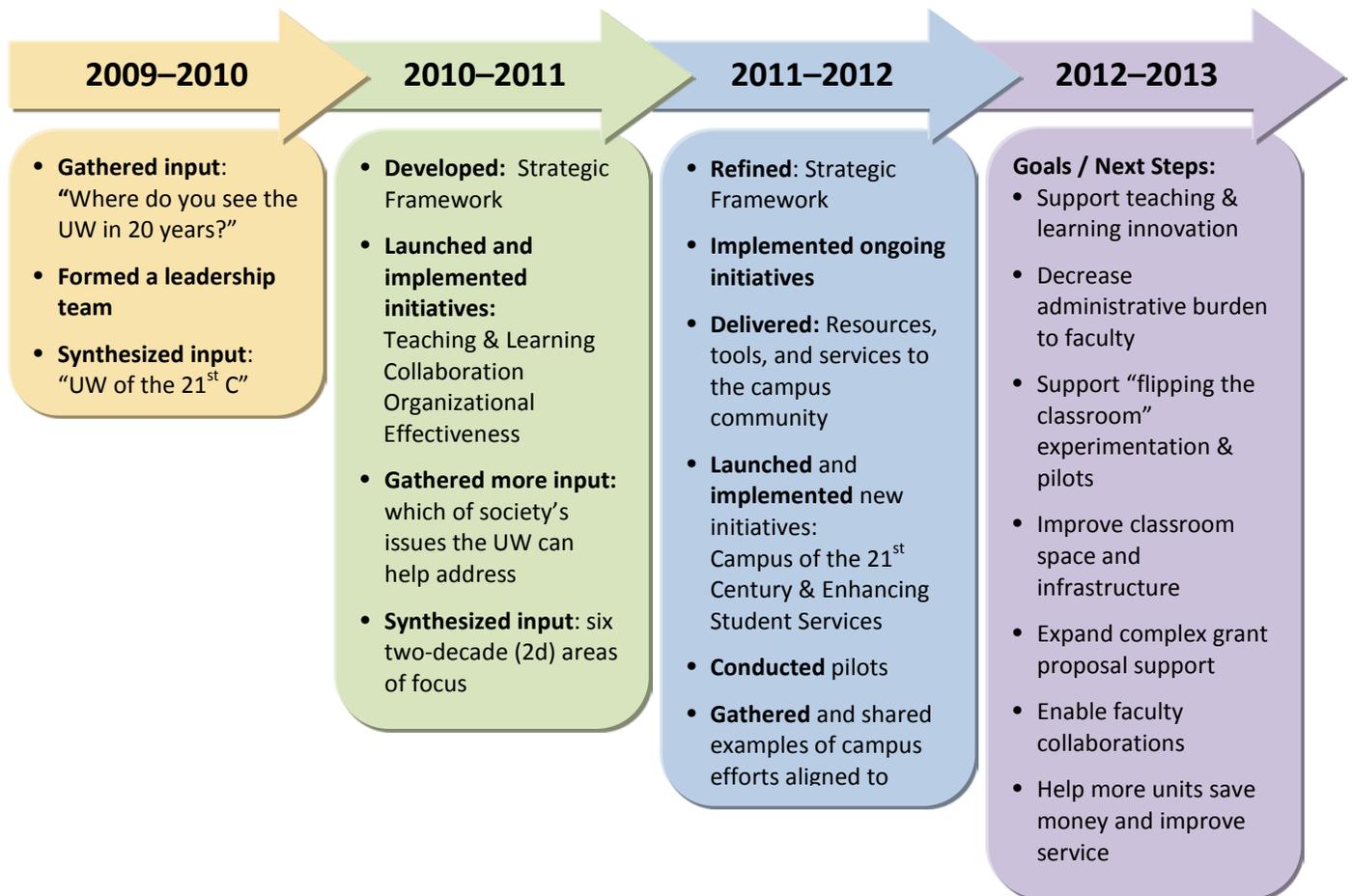
The *Two Years to Two Decades Initiative* (2y2d) involves an ongoing process that articulates a shared vision of our future, identifies trends and drivers of change, and takes steps to ensure the UW is responding in ways that keep us on track to thrive in the coming years.

Campus faculty, students, staff, and administration are engaged in continuous, thoughtful consideration, re-thinking or re-affirming priorities to best serve our UW community. 2y2d brings together these groups working towards those shared priorities, aids in their success and shares their best practices, and launches initiatives where new action is required.

2y2d priority initiatives for 2012–2013:

- ▶ Teaching & Learning in the 21st Century
- ▶ Fostering Collaboration in the 21st Century
- ▶ Organizational Effectiveness

2y2d Action, to Date



2y2d Initiative Tools & Services For Faculty, Students, And Staff

Our Fostering Collaboration Initiative...

- **Helps faculty connect & collaborate** with searchable databases, including UW-specific information on faculty expertise, abstracts, and citations.
- **Supports development of complex grants.** The Office of Research's Complex Proposals Management Group provides staff support for proposals with the potential to secure significant funding.
- **Connects faculty with funding opportunities** with SciVal Funding, a database with funding opportunities from more than 3,000 international sponsors.
- **Provides information about research centers and guidelines for setting up a new center.** *Guidelines for Establishing Organized Research Units* is available on the Office of Research's website, which also contains profiles of all UW centers.
- **Maps connections between units**—including joint appointments, joint courses, and multiple majors.

Our Teaching & Learning Initiative...

- **Provides new integrated technologies for teaching & learning.** The Canvas learning management system makes assignment submission and grading more efficient and supports faculty innovations such as holding online office hours or recording audio feedback on assignments. The Tegrity lecture capture tool enables self-paced learning.
- **Helps faculty use new technologies to achieve learning goals.** UW-IT provides implementation support, workshops, and online training modules for Canvas and Tegrity, while the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) offers guidance on using these tools to support course goals and increase student learning.
- **Supports faculty experimentation with “flipping the classroom.”** Tools like Tegrity make it possible to have students view lectures at home, freeing up precious class time for problem-solving and collaborative work. A CTL-led faculty learning community brings faculty together to explore potential pedagogies.
- **Provides faculty sharing opportunities** around engaging students in larger classes, using social media for learning, and managing courses with Canvas and Tegrity.
- **Creates resources for faculty.** CTL launched a new website with teaching resources, including “teaching testimonial” videos for faculty and TAs that describe approaches that have worked in UW classrooms.

Our Organizational Effectiveness Initiative...

- **Helps save money and improve service of administrative functions across campus.** Campus organizations, in partnership with OEI staff, are implementing new ways to do business and provide service. Savings in 2012 have resulted in a return on investment of 2:1. Projects currently under way are likely to produce an ROI of 10:1, saving nearly \$4m.
- **Provides consultation to campus units on strategy and process improvement.** OEI has provided services to 44 UW units to date, including consulting, facilitating, and training in organizational needs assessment, strategic planning, process improvement, change management, and metrics development.
- **Helps teams help themselves with online training,** self-assessment tools, templates, and other resources as well as providing customized, unit-specific solutions.
- **Provides a searchable database to find out what's working for other UW groups.** UW community members can upload and search both academic and administrative efforts on The UW Activities & Improvements sharing website.
- **Gathers data to help groups decide what to improve and when**—OEI staff assess campus organizations and share their analysis for use in designing and prioritizing improvements.