

Northern Illinois PURE Action Plan

June – December, 2010

PHASE I Tasks

July – August, 2009

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
1. Review Regional Visit Report when received and incorporate suggested actions and developments into the Action Plan.	Completed.
2. Develop six specific strategies identified by the Northern Illinois PURE work group into a package to be presented to the institutional presidents for their consideration.	Completed.
3. In consultation with the Northern Illinois PURE work group, determine the best method of presenting the potential strategies to the presidents (i.e. face-to-face meeting with the entire group or one-on-one, telephone call, or email) and schedule it.	Completed. A written report was distributed soliciting engagement in four specific projects.
4. Set meetings to brief the three new community college presidents on the PURE initiative.	Completed.
5. Share the detailed benchmarking tool with the entire work group to identify volunteers interested in working with NIU on the testing, use, reporting, and further development of the tool.	Deferred. NIU's judgement is that introduction of this tool would over-tax the capabilities of the community college partners. We are proposing to fold benchmarking into the green skills and jobs issue cluster we're leading.
6. Clarify expectations surrounding possible examples of good practice and submit candidates from Northern Illinois.	Under consideration. This task permeates the still-unfolding process, however we are still building our collaborative network and this is an evolving effort.
7. Follow up as appropriate if one or both of our offers to serve as a sub-cluster leader is/are accepted. Incorporate expectations associated with that responsibility, and general participation in the sub-clusters, into this Action Plan.	Completed. Robinson is leading the Green Jobs cluster. Crawford is leading the Tertiary Cluster
8. Explore the potential tie-in of PURE with the CGS 40 th Anniversary event to be held December 10-11, 2009, in DeKalb.	Completed. This event is scheduled and proceeding.
9. Establish a date-certain for the second CDG site visit to Northern Illinois (likely target is early February).	Completed. Visit to take place Feb. 1-3, 2010.

September – October, 2009

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
<p>1. Launch specific Northern Illinois PURE initiatives approved by presidents.</p> <p>a. Form strategy teams around each initiative.</p> <p>b. Task each team with the creation of an implementation plan.</p> <p>c. Incorporate implementation plan milestones into this Action Plan.</p>	<p>This task was inaugurated; it took a bit longer than anticipated. A report to presidents was sent Oct. 28, 2009, seeking review and endorsement by Dec. 15, 2009. NIU-led formation of strategy teams and implementation plans has commenced.</p>
<p>2. Launch a Benchmarking Committee and develop a work plan with deliverables and timeline. Incorporate into this Action Plan.</p>	<p>Deferred. To be revisited by strategy teams in connection with implementation plans. NIU is not stressing this component lest we over-tax incipient partnerships. This is an unfolding process reliant on situational judgement.</p>
<p>3. Participate in sub-clusters. Identify communication methods for sharing information with the larger Northern Illinois PURE work group.</p>	<p>Deferred per the above.</p>

November – December, 2009

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
<p>1. Convene the entire Northern Illinois PURE work group to report on strategy team progress, benchmarking, “Good Practice” sites.</p>	<p>Deferred. An Advisory Committee will be reconstituted in early 2010 when the four PURE projects are activated. See the Presidential Report for detail.</p>
<p>2. Implement the work plan developed by the Benchmarking Committee.</p>	<p>Deferred, per above.</p>
<p>3. Participate in sub-clusters and report to the work group on progress and developments.</p>	<p>In process.</p>
<p>4. Participate in CGS 40th anniversary event. Identify follow-up opportunities for PURE and bring to next meeting of the Northern Illinois PURE work group.</p>	<p>Scheduled. Participants from all PURE institutions have been invited to participate and the University of Glasgow will be represented. A major session on the evolving role of higher education in regional innovation is on the program. The regional action plan that results from this event will be used to guide future PURE-related projects.</p>
<p>5. Propose itinerary for second CDG site visit and line up participants and “Good Practice” case studies.</p>	<p>In development.</p>

Updated: December, 2009

PHASE II Tasks

January – February, 2010

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
1. Convene the entire Northern Illinois PURE work group to report on strategy team progress, benchmarking, follow-up opportunities from the CGS 40 th Anniversary event.	February 1-2, 2010
2. Host the second CDG site visit.	Scheduled for February 1-3, 2010.
3. Convene the Northern Illinois HEI presidents and the work group to report on the second CDG site visit and overall progress, challenges, and opportunities. Adjust the Action Plan as needed.	Set for February 2, 2010
4. Explore inclusion of at least one additional University in the PURE project.	Institutions under consideration: DePaul University; Northeastern Illinois University.
5. Consider additional projects within the PURE initiative.	Project under consideration: Community Collaboration, Inc., a tool for tracking student services within and between HEIs.
6. Support and track the progress of the Northern Illinois PURE strategy teams. Identify emerging opportunities and challenges and respond as needed.	This will commence in February 2010.
7. Continue to implement the work plan associated with the Benchmarking Committee, including recommendations to bring forward in the spring PURE workshop.	The Benchmarking Committee is yet to be reconceived and integrated into the PURE projects.
8. Participate in sub-clusters and report to the work group on progress and developments.	Proceeding

March – April, 2010

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
1. Prepare for and participate in the PURE spring two-day workshop.	
2. Continue to implement the work plan associated with the Benchmarking Committee.	
3. Continue to participate in sub-clusters and report to the work group on progress and developments.	

May – August, 2010

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
1. Convene the Northern Illinois PURE work group to report on strategy team progress.	The overarching PURE work group will be re-constituted as an Advisory Committee.
2. Continue to implement the work plan associated with the Benchmarking Committee.	
3. Continue to participate in sub-clusters and report to the work group on progress and developments.	
4. Determine the feasibility of participating in the Jamtland International Conference and associated PURE Workshop.	

September – October, 2010

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
1. Convene the Northern Illinois HEI presidents and the work group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report on overall progress, challenges, and opportunities. b. Consider work-to-date on benchmarking. c. Determine feasibility of a next phase of PURE for Northern Illinois. d. Adjust Action Plan as needed. 	
2. Continue to implement the work plan associated with the Benchmarking Committee.	
3. Continue to participate in sub-clusters and report to the work group on progress and developments.	

November – December, 2010

TASK	STATUS/NOTES
1. Provide project synthesis summary report for Northern Illinois.	Expected date: Dec., 2010
2. Prepare for and participate in the PURE Gaborone Botswana Pascal International Conference.	
3. Continue to implement the work plan associated with the Benchmarking Committee.	
4. Continue to participate in sub-clusters and report to the work group on progress and developments.	